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PREFACE.

THE "FAMILY PRAYERS" of the late Henry Thornton, Esq., of Clapham, England, from which this MANUAL OF DEVOTIONS has been chiefly compiled, were presented to the compiler by a distinguished gentleman in Canada, some three years ago. They have been used in his family worship ever since, with great acceptance, and he trusts with spiritual edification. The devotional fervour which they breathe throughout, the variety of sentiment and expression, their adaptation to private as well as domestic devotion, and their truly evangelical spirit, have so far commended them to his judgment and confidence, as to lead him to think that the publication of an American edition, with such modifications as would be required to meet the peculiar circum-

stances of this country, might be a good service to the Christian public generally, and to the people of his own diocese particularly, in encouraging and facilitating the important, but too much neglected duty of family prayer. The only modification contemplated at first, was the necessary change in the petitions relating to Civil Rulers and Government. But on a careful review of them in reference to publication, other changes and modifications seemed to be needed, in the supply of certain omitted topics, and in substitutions and additions to some extent. This has been accordingly attempted by remodelling all, or nearly all the prayers; in some instances changing the expression where it seemed to be less clear and definite than was desirable; in others, transposing portions to a more fitting connecting position; in divesting several of their somewhat too didactic character, and restoring them to a more strictly supplicating form; and in

enlarging and expanding petitions for certain objects, so as to make them more comprehensive, and more in unison with the true purpose of the objects to which they relate; the necessity of which would be more apparent to a theologian than to a layman. In doing this, however, the compiler has aimed to retain unimpaired the admirable and eminently devotional spirit of the original, a transcript of the devout mind and practical piety of its revered author; of whom the Editor of the English edition justly observes: "The world would be wiser and better, and therefore happier, in proportion as it shall imbibe the spirit of the life, and of the prayers of Henry Thornton. Admirable as have been the examples of excellence which the present generation has been permitted to witness, there has not been, perhaps, one individual in the whole number, who manifested in a more striking manner that combination of qualities which

constitutes Christian consistency. His piety was fervent, and yet sober; his liberality was magnificent, and yet discriminating; his charity was large, and yet not latitudinarian; his self-denial was rigorous, yet unobtrusive."

The Supplementary Prayers, in the original, have been omitted, as the substance of them is incorporated in the general body of prayers; and a few Occasional Prayers have been added by the compiler, relating to cases and exigencies of most frequent occurrence in daily life.

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Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Before Reading a Portion of Scripture.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FAMILY PRAYERS.

First Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD; who sittest in the highest heavens, and art exalted above all blessing and praise; before whom the Angels veil their faces; and in whose sight the heavens are not pure; we, the creatures whom Thou hast made, and whose lives Thou sustainest; humbly approach Thy presence; acknowledging our entire dependence upon Thee, and offering unto Thee the tribute of our thanksgiving and praise for all Thy abounding goodness towards us. We adore Thee with grateful hearts as the God of Providence; and

especially as the God of grace. We bless Thee for our preservation during the perils and dangers of the past night; and that we are brought, under circumstances of so much mercy, to the enjoyment of the light of another morning.

O Holy and Merciful Saviour, who hast overcome death and the grave, and manifested the truth of Thy promises by Thy triumphant resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven, raise us, we beseech Thee, from the death of sin, unto the life of righteousness; that we, following Thy blessed steps, may finally be made partakers of Thy glorious resurrection, and of the unspeakable joys of Thy eternal kingdom. We bless Thee, especially for the return of this Thy day of sacred rest, on which we commemorate particularly, these Thy blessings of grace. Enable us, by Thy Holy Spirit, to keep it holy as Thou hast commanded; and so employ its precious privileges, as most to promote Thy glory, and the edification of our own souls.

We implore Thy heavenly benediction, on the public services of Thy sanctuary, in

which we are about to engage. May we enter into Thy gates with sincere thanksgiving, and into thy courts with grateful praise; and worship Thee, our God and Saviour, with pure hearts fervently, and in the beauty of holiness. May we approach Thee in all humility, reverence, and godly fear; with true contrition under a deep sense of our unworthiness; yet with a lively and steadfast faith in Thy pardoning grace and mercy. Enable us to join in the prayers to be offered in Thy Holy Church, with devout and contrite hearts. Grant, that we may hear Thy sacred word read and preached, with serious and deep attention, and with all humility and thankfulness. And be Thou pleased, so to bless both our public worship and our private devotions, that we may be made partakers of all Thy promised grace in Christ Jesus, and grow in grace and in holiness more and more.

O Lord, increase and strengthen our faith in Thee and in the promises of Thy word; deliver us from every slavish fear of Thy wrath; inspire anew our hope in

our ever-blessed Redeemer and Sanctifier; and give us joy and peace in believing. May we love Thee more and more, for the unnumbered bounties of Thy providence; but, especially for Thy abounding mercies in our redemption through Christ Jesus. Give us a deep sense of our unworthiness, and a clearer knowledge of the sins which do most easily beset us; that we may more fully appreciate the riches of Thy grace in Jesus Christ; and may better know how to guard against, correct and reform that which hath been evil in us.

We pray that Thy Gospel may have free course and be glorified, and that through its divine teaching we may be made wise unto salvation. Do Thou, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit, give such effect to the preaching of Thy word, and to all the other means of grace in Thy Church, that we may, each of us, heartily repent us of our sins, and unfeignedly believe Thy truth, and bring forth abundantly fruits meet for repentance and faith, to the praise and glory of Thy name.

O Lord our God; let Thy blessing every

where accompany the ministrations of Thy Gospel on this day. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, the abundance of Thy grace on Thy ministering servants, and on all true worshippers. May all who hear Thy holy word, endeavour to follow its divine teaching. May they who have lived in sin be awakened to a conviction of their guilt and a sense of their danger. May the thoughtless be alarmed; the unbelievers be convinced; the ignorant be informed; the weak be strengthened; and the afflicted soul be comforted. May the foundation of Thy Holy Church be enlarged; and may all its members be built up in faith, and hope and love and in all godly living; and learn to understand what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, and strive earnestly to do it.

May Thy Holy Spirit bless and sanctify every effort to diffuse the light and truth of the Gospel throughout the world. May every wilderness at length rejoice and blossom as the rose. May light spring up to them who have long sat in darkness and in the shadow of death; and may the days

come when the lion shall lie down with the lamb; when wars shall cease, and universal peace prevail; and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers and intercessions, for the sake, and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, we bless Thee for Thy great goodness, in creating, and preserving, and redeeming us; and for all Thy various mercies, from our birth unto this hour. We adore Thee as the Author and Giver of life, and all things; but, especially as our Father and our Redeemer, the source of all our hopes as creatures and sinners, and the giver of all good spiritual and temporal.

We would praise Thee, on this Thy holy day, for the gift of Jesus Christ Thy Son; by whom we obtain the pardon of our sins, and all things necessary for our eternal salvation. We thank Thee that He hath descended into this our world; that He hath taught true righteousness by His precepts, and set us an example thereof in His holy life; hath made atonement for us by His painful death; and by His resurrection from the grave on the third day, hath given us assurance, that He is able to raise our bodies from the dust, and to exalt us

to His own right hand in His kingdom and glory in heaven.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to impress deeply on our minds these great and solemn truths; that we may not forget them amidst the cares and occupations of the world; but may keep in daily remembrance our Christian privileges and hopes, with our correspondent duties and responsibilities. Convince us of the vanity of the world, of the shortness of life, and of the unspeakable value of eternal things. Save us from indifference, and thoughtlessness and levity; as well as from ungodliness and sin. Cleanse and sanctify our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit; and teach us habitually to remember that Thou seest our secret thoughts, and requirest truth in the inward parts.

Pardon, we pray Thee, our past sins; our pride and worldliness, our anger and passionateness, our indolence and negligence, our too careless performance of the duties of our station, and our want of Christian kindness and brotherly love. Pardon, especially, our forgetfulness of Thee, our God

and Saviour; the coldness with which we have worshipped Thee; and all the imperfections of our praises and prayers. Thou hast caused us to abound with the good things of this life; Thine hand hath protected us; Thy goodness hath raised us, when through sickness or calamity, we have been brought low. Thou hast blessed us with Thy abundant blessings in Christ Jesus. Forgive, O Lord, our ingratitude to Thee, as our great Benefactor; and enable us to trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, as well as for the imperfect services we offer unto Thee.

We pray Thee, O God, to extend the light and truth of Thy blessed Gospel to all the world. May all the nations of the earth hear the joyful sound; and may Thy kingdom come and be established in all its gracious power and benign influence. Bless the labours of the ministry of reconciliation in every place. Fill them with zeal for Thine honour, and with love to Thy name. Endue them with wisdom to devise, and strength to execute the surest ways to fulfil their mission and accomplish

Thy gracious purpose. May the spirit of true religion revive among ourselves, and overspread the whole earth. May Christ Crucified be proclaimed from the rising to the setting sun; and may each of us endeavour so to recommend by our lives, the truths we have been taught, that there may be no occasion, from any inconsistency or evil example of ours, for the enemies of the Gospel to blaspheme. We would intercede for all our relations, connexions, and friends; especially for those who are in sorrow, sickness, or trouble. Grant unto them the relief they need, and those consolations which Thou only canst bestow. Inspire their souls with a holy trust in Thee, and a sure hope in Thy promises. May those who feel that their infirmities come upon them, and their outward frame decays, be enabled to believe, and rejoice in the confidence, that when earthly things fail, they shall have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Take us now, O God, under Thy gracious care and protection this night. May Thy blessing attend us, and Thy good

Spirit rest upon us. May Thy word, which we have read or heard this day, sink into all our hearts; and may we, throughout the week, rise up and lie down, at peace with Thee, and under a constant sense of Thy presence.

We offer up these our imperfect supplications, in the name and through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O Lord God Almighty, who art the Creator and Governor of the world, and hast abundantly provided for the various wants of Thy creatures; who hast ordained the day and the night to succeed each other; and when Thou hast refreshed us with sleep, requirest us to pursue our work until the evening; who hast also ordained that we shall be born to trouble, and hast appointed the grave for all living; we thank Thee, that while Thou hast thus established our lot in life, Thou hast not left us without hope in that world which is to come. We adore Thee for the gift of Jesus Christ Thy Son, who hath brought life and immortality to light, and opened the kingdom of God to all believers. We bless Thee for the protection and guidance of Thy good Providence; for the offer and assurance of pardoning mercy, through faith in our ever blessed Redeemer; and for the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit. We thank Thee for Thy appointed day of rest; for the

ministrations of Thy Church; for Thy written word; and for all the other means of grace which Thou hast vouchsafed to bestow upon us.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may this day pursue, with fidelity and diligence, that work which Thou hast assigned to us; and that we may, at the same time, preserve a spiritual and heavenly mind. May we ever remember that in the midst of life we are in death; and give us grace to live this day as we shall wish we had done, if it should indeed prove our last. Save us from the sins to which we are most prone. Leave us not to the natural dispositions of our own minds, which are ever inclining us to evil; but impart to us Thy Holy Spirit, to renew and sanctify our corrupt nature; and to enable us to cultivate and cherish every Christian temper, and to abound in every good word and work. Strengthen our faith in the precious promises of the Gospel; and fill us with joy and peace in believing. Dispose us to bear affliction with a patient and quiet mind; or if Thou shouldest continue

to us prosperity, give us grace to be ever watchful over ourselves, to be moderate in our enjoyments, and willing and ready to impart freely to others the good gifts which Thou bestowest on ourselves. Enable us to watch over ourselves with a godly jealousy; to examine ourselves carefully and faithfully; that advancing in self-knowledge we may the more prevail over our several infirmities. Thus may we grow in grace, and goodness, and in meetness for Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray, O God our Saviour, for Thy blessing on all our friends and relations; may they be filled with the knowledge of Thy will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; and may we and they be of one heart and one mind, loving each other as brethren in Christ, and uniting our endeavours to promote both the good of all men and Thy glory.

Have mercy on the poor and the afflicted; strengthen the weak; succour the tempted; and guide the ignorant into the way of true knowledge.

Bless the rising generation; save them

from the danger and seductions of this evil world; sanctify to them the events which shall befall them; make them instruments in Thine hand for the advancement of the interests of Thy Church on earth, and members of Thy blessed family in heaven.

We offer these our prayers in the Name, and through the merits of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father; the Maker of all things, and the Judge of all men; we Thy creatures, who live upon Thy daily bounty, and are accountable to Thee for all we think and say and do; desire now to offer our acknowledgments of Thy goodness during the past day, and Thy protecting care for the coming night.

We would lament, with true contrition, the trespasses and sins we have this day committed. We are by nature blind and ignorant, prone to error, yet impatient of reproof. We often deceive ourselves with the mere semblance of goodness; but Thou seest all our hearts, and knowest every false way in which we allow ourselves to walk. Pardon, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, whatever evil we have thought, or said, or done this day, together with all the sins of our past lives. Teach us continually to examine ourselves by the light of Thine unerring word; and

vouchsafe unto us true repentance and a lively faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ.

We pray Thee, also, to pour out upon us the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our ways, and walk in newness of life. Thou hast favoured us with religious light and knowledge; teach us ever to remember that unto whom much is given, of them shall much be required. Grant that we may not live a mere worldly life, employing our time in vain and unprofitable things; but may we endeavour to be useful in that station wherein Thou hast placed us. As we have received Christ Jesus, the Lord, so may we walk in Him. May we excel especially in those tempers, and abound in those works, which the Gospel teaches and requires. May we cultivate and cherish meekness and patience, kindness and forbearance, benevolence and charity. May we love God supremely, and our neighbour with a pure heart fervently. Grant us Thy grace, that we may not have a name to live, while we are dead: but may we ever exercise a practical, influential faith, and abound in

all the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to the praise and glory of God.

We also beseech Thee, O Lord, to bless unto us the events of Thy providence; and so to order all things during the remainder of our lives, that they may issue in our eternal good. O sanctify unto us our adversity and our prosperity; our sickness and our health; and whatever may be the vicissitudes which Thou art pleased to send, may we regard them as coming from Thy fatherly hand, and never repine under them. Enable us to maintain a cheerful and contented mind; and being reconciled to Thee our God, may we enjoy inward peace, and be in charity with all men.

These, our imperfect supplications, we humbly present in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, our Creator, Preserver and continual Benefactor; we would begin this day with the acknowledgment of Thy power and goodness, and of our obligations to love and serve Thee; and we beseech Thee to grant us grace that we may pass it in Thy fear, and in the fulfilment of Thy commandments.

Thou hast appointed to each of us our work in life; enable us, O Lord, diligently to discharge our several duties. Let us not waste our time in unprofitableness; nor be unfaithful to any trust committed to us. May we remember that Thine eye is upon us; and may we have the testimony of our consciences, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, we have our conversation in the world. May truth be ever on our lips, and integrity be maintained in all our conduct. Help us also, to perform a kind and Christian part towards those who may come under our influence. May we labour to do them service; and may we continually

deny ourselves, that we may the more effectually and abundantly minister to the various wants of others. May we rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep; and be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another.

We also beseech Thee to give us patience to bear the several trials and vicissitudes of life, with an equable and contented mind. May we not be perplexed with the cares of this world, or overwhelmed with unnecessary fears; but ever trust Thy gracious providence, and hope in Thy goodness and mercy.

Give to us, when we are in prosperity, a spirit of moderation and sobriety. Save us from pride, and from self-indulgence. Deliver us from the too great love of earthly things; and teach us to remember that it is Thou who givest us all things richly to enjoy.

Bless unto us the afflictions that may befal us. May we discern Thine hand in all Thy various dispensations; and adore Thee for the several events of Thy providence;

knowing that if we truly love and serve Thee, all things shall work together for our good.

We commend, O Lord, to Thy kind and fatherly care our friends and relations. Direct their steps in life; and enrich them with all spiritual blessings in Jesus Christ.

May the young remember their Creator in the days of their youth; and find Thee to be their sure refuge in all the changes of this mortal life through which they pass; and their health, strength, and salvation.

Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow or trouble. Do Thou provide for them through the riches of Thy grace, and send them help in their hour of need.

Be favourable to this nation. Bless the President of the United States, and all others who are in authority over us. Give them grace to rule in Thy fear, and with a single eye to Thy glory and the public good. Inspire our magistrates with integrity; and our clergy with the spirit of true religion. Deliver us from the hands of our enemies; and give us peace and harmony among ourselves.

We offer these our imperfect petitions, in the name and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Lord God Almighty, who knowest all our necessities, suit Thy mercies, we pray, to our several wants; and grant unto all the members of this family such things as Thou seest to be most needful and expedient for us.

We pray Thee especially to bring all our hearts into obedience of Christ. Take away from us all pride, impenitency and unbelief; all inordinate love of this present world, all sinful affections, and every evil inclination. Take from us everything which opposes itself to Thy truth; and is contrary to the Spirit of Thy grace.

May we humble ourselves as little children in Thy sight; receiving in sincerity and simplicity of heart the doctrines and precepts of Thy word. Give us, also, grace to ever maintain a Christian spirit, and to abound in every good word and work. May we be patient and contented; thankful for our lot in life; praising and blessing Thee for all our providential as well as spiritual mercies; imploring the contin-

uance of Thy favour; and jealous over ourselves, lest by our indulgence of any evil habits, we draw down upon us Thy just displeasure. Make us strict in our integrity, sincere in every word, faithful in every trust, diligent in every duty, amiable in every temper and disposition.

Teach us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to follow in all things the bright example of our blessed Saviour; remembering at the same time our sinfulness and unworthiness; and thus learn to bear with all the various infirmities of others. Give us grace, to testify on all suitable occasions, by word and by example, our abhorrence of evil; courage and integrity to exhort one another daily, lest any of us be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; and enable us, in the spirit of love, to serve and edify one another.

And now, O Lord, in whatever way on this day we have failed in the performance of our duty, and in the exercise of any christian temper, or in whatever respect we have offended Thee, we humbly and earnestly implore Thy pardoning grace in Christ Jesus.

Take us under Thy gracious protection this night; may we be safe under the shadow of Thy wings. Give us a sure trust and confidence in Thee; and in such confidence may we ever have comfort and peace. May the blessed truths of Thy Gospel be our consolation in our lying down, and in our rising up; may the promises of Thy word be an ever present source of happiness to us; may they lighten every trial, and reconcile us to every disappointment; may there be no place or time, no situation or circumstance, when the doctrines of the cross and the truth as it is in Jesus, shall fail to inspire us with hope and comfort; and under their influence, may our hearts be ever filled with thankfulness, and our lips with praises.

These and every other needful blessing, we ask with all humility of heart, yet in the confidence of faith, through Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Mediator.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, our most gracious and merciful God and Saviour; who hast preserved us through all the stages of our past lives, and, being never weary of doing good, hast blessed us with unnumbered benefits; who hast protected us during the night and brought us in circumstances of mercy to the light of another morning; give us grace, we beseech Thee, most humbly and heartily to thank Thee for all Thy loving kindness vouchsafed unto us; and accept the renewal of our grateful praise, and the solemn dedication of ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, unto Thee.

We confess before Thee, with true contrition, the offences of our past lives, and humbly implore Thy pardoning mercy. We lament the sins which, day by day, in thought, word, and deed, we have committed against Thee; and we adore the riches of that grace which forgiveth all our sins, healeth all our iniquities, and still

aboundeth, though we have so grievously rebelled against Thy righteous laws.

We pray, that in requital for Thy great goodness and forbearance towards us, we may abound in every good word and work; and bring forth all those fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of Thy name. May we this day walk worthy of Thee, our God and Saviour; may we honor Thee by our patience under our trials; by our meekness under provocations; by our self-denial in the midst of our temptations; and by our unwearied zeal in doing good. Enable us to surrender up our wills to Thy most holy will in all things; submitting with unmurmuring resignation to all Thy dispensations; readily accommodating ourselves to every new circumstance, which Thou, in Thy providence, art pleased to order.

May the great truths of Thy Gospel be deeply impressed on our minds; and through their influence, and the co-operation of the indwelling Spirit, may every good disposition be formed in us. May our faith in Christ crucified be made effec-

tual to bring down our pride, to subdue our selfishness, to improve our tempers, to direct and restrain our tongues, to animate us with the purest zeal, and to fill us with brotherly love and charity towards our neighbour. May that faith also sanctify our daily work, furnishing the motive to it, exciting our diligence in it, and teaching us to look to Thee, O Lord, for our great and final reward. O God, bless us this day; and not this day only, but to the end of our lives. Defend us in all our future dangers; succour us in all our sorrows and adversities; lead us through every difficulty and trial; and, when all the troubles of this mortal life shall be over, conduct us at length, in peace and safety, to the haven of everlasting rest and felicity.

O Lord, if it please Thee to send us prosperity, enable us to devote the good things which Thou givest us to Thy service; and as thou extendest Thy mercies, do Thou enlarge also the practical thankfulness of our hearts. Or, if it be Thy righteous will, either to try us with temp-

tations, or to visit us with sore afflictions, O may we learn to bow meekly to Thy gracious Providence in all things; and still to trust Thine unchanging purposes of mercy to us amidst all Thy various dispensations.

To Thee, O God, who hast been the support of our infancy, the help of our youth, and the guide of our advancing years, do we commit ourselves for the days which are to come. Thy Providence hast ordained our lot in life, and hath ordered hitherto all things concerning us. Unto Thee, the same gracious God and Father, do we now resign all our affairs: to Thee commend our bodies and souls, our temporal and eternal interests. Save us, we especially beseech Thee, from all sin; and from all apprehensions and fears, which our past transgressions might justly raise within us.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Great and Glorious Lord God, we adore Thee for all Thine infinite perfections! Righteous art Thou in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works! We are sinful and guilty, weak and helpless; exposed to danger on every side; and in continual need of Thy gracious assistance. Grant unto us a deep sense of our dependence upon Thee; and enable us to lie down to rest, with all confidence in Thy divine power, and in Thy never-failing goodness. May we remember, that Thine eye seeth us wheresoever we are; that Thou art about our bed, and about our path, and art everywhere present with us. Pardon, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, the sins which Thou hast seen in us this day. Many are the offences which we continually commit; for we are, by nature, prone to evil; and our hearts too often deceive us. We have no hope but in Thee; we put our whole trust and confidence in the all-prevailing mediation of Thy blessed Son, who died

for our sins, and rose again for our justification; and who ever liveth at Thy right hand, to make intercession for us. Grant unto us, O Lord, peace with Thee through Jesus Christ; and inspire us with hope of being finally made partakers of everlasting life.

Give unto us, we beseech Thee, thy Holy Spirit, to comfort us; and to dispose us unto every good word and work. Grant us Thy abounding grace, that we may not return to sin, or love the ways of ungodliness, or allow ourselves in any of those things which Thou hast forbidden. Enable us to mortify all our corrupt affections, our pride and vanity, our selfishness and worldliness. Teach us to put on, as the elect of God by our baptism into Christ, mercy and loving kindness, tenderness and compassion towards all men. May we endeavour to follow the example of our blessed Saviour's lowliness and meekness, of His holy zeal, of His constant beneficence, of His love for the bodies and souls of men; and daily improve, through Thy grace, in every Christian temper and vir-

tue; and to repent of and amend whatsoever we have done amiss, or left undone.

Accept our heart-felt thanks, O Lord, for the mercies of the past day, and for all Thy goodness during our past lives. We bless Thee for every gift which Thou hast bestowed upon us; for every deliverance which Thou hast wrought out for any of us from pain and sickness, from sorrow and from danger; and for every event which Thou hast caused to work for our good. Be with us, we pray Thee, to the end of our days. Sanctify to us all the states of life through which we pass; make us humble in prosperity, and patient in adversity; grateful for all Thy temporal mercies, but especially for Thine unspeakable love in our redemption through Jesus Christ.

We commit to Thy gracious care and protection all our friends and relations. May we live in peace and harmony with them all; bearing each other's burdens, helping each other's infirmities, and ministering to each other's temporal and spiritual good.

[Have compassion on the children of this family. Save them from the follies and dangers of youth, and make them reverent and obedient in all things. Prepare them for Thy future service; and when they shall have done Thy will on earth, may they and we be joint heirs of that heavenly inheritance which Thou hast prepared for all who love and serve Thee.]

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers, for the sake, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our gracious Saviour and all-prevailing Intercessor.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, whose eyes are in every place beholding the evil and the good, and who seest not only our outward actions, but knowest also our most secret thoughts; we pray Thee, who hast preserved us through the past night, to maintain in us this day a constant sense of Thy presence, and to keep us from sinning against Thee. We are exposed to dangers by night and by day; our lives are in Thy hands, and unto Thee do we look, in all humble confidence, for succour in every temptation, and for preservation from every evil. May we ever be mindful of Thee, O Lord; and live in Thy faith, fear and love. When we go out and come in, when we are alone and in company, may we remember that Thou art continually with us, and that Thou takest account of all we think and speak and do.

We would confess unto Thee, O merciful Father, our manifold transgressions, and humbly implore Thy pardoning grace in

Christ Jesus. We bless Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us, as full of compassion and mercy, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, in all who turn to Thee in true contrition and with sincere purpose of amendment of life.

We draw near to Thee, O Lord our God, trusting alone in Jesus Christ our Saviour, and not in any righteousness of our own; and we beseech Thee for His sake to strengthen our weakness, and to enable us this day to fulfil every duty to which we are called. May we be kind and affectionate one to another, sincere and upright in all our dealings, and diligent and faithful in our proper work. May we rejoice in every opportunity of doing good; and have grace to deny ourselves, that we may the more abundantly minister to the wants of others. Teach us to forgive those who have injured us; seeing we ourselves have so many sins for which we hope to be forgiven. Create and cherish in us, by Thy Holy Spirit, every Christian grace. Make us instruments in Thine hand for the good of many; and

while we are serving our generation, may we be abundantly blessed in our own souls, and rejoice in the sense both of Thy pardoning mercy, and of Thy constant and gracious protection.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to look down in compassion on all our relations and friends. Bestow upon them all things which Thou knowest to be needful for them. Sustain and comfort them in this life; and vouchsafe unto them especially the blessings of the life to come.

Bless the President of the United States and all who are in authority over us. Direct the public councils of the nation to the promotion of the public good. Put an end to strife and war, and oppression, and establish righteousness and peace throughout the earth.

Have mercy on the young. Grant, that they may be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that they may learn to know and do Thy will; to walk in Thy fear all the days of their lives; and to hand down Thy truth in its integrity to the latest posterity.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to bring us all, by the multitude of Thy mercies, through this world of many temptations and trials, to that place of everlasting rest and peace, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

We offer these our humble supplications, in the name and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible; Whose throne is in the highest heavens; and Who art exalted above all blessing and praise; we, the creatures whom Thine hand has made, and whom Thy providence sustains from day to day, desire at this time humbly to bow down before Thy divine .Majesty; and to acknowledge our obligations to Thine infinite goodness and mercy.

We bless Thee for all the comforts of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love, in sending Thy Son from heaven to be the Saviour of our souls. We thank Thee that Thou hast provided this great Mediator, through whom Thy sinful creatures may draw near to Thee in faith and hope. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto us the pardon of our sins through that blessed Saviour and Mediator. Remember not against us the transgressions either of this day or of our former lives;

but be Thou graciously pleased to receive us into Thy favour. Vouchsafe unto us the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to love Thee with all our hearts; and faithfully perform Thy righteous will. Renew us, we beseech Thee, in the spirit of our minds. Help us to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts of the flesh; and to put on the new man, which after Thee is created in righteousness and true holiness. Deliver us from blindness and hardness of heart; from inordinate love of this present world; and from coldness and indolence in Thy service. May Thy Blessed Spirit influence our souls in all righteousness; produce in us deep and sincere repentance and amendment of life; and make us fruitful in every good word and work.

Enable us, O God our Saviour, to put our whole trust and confidence in Thee; and to commit all our concerns into Thy merciful hands. May Thy watchful providence defend us, in adversity and in prosperity, in sickness and in health; and whenever the hour of our death shall draw

near, may we find our consolations in Thee abound.

We most humbly ask Thy grace and favour for all those for whom it is our duty to pray. We would intercede with Thee for the country in which we dwell, that it may still be favoured with the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, and that the seeds of divine knowledge sown in it, by Thy divinely appointed ministry, may bring forth abundant fruit. Bless our rulers and magistrates, and all in authority over us; and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called. Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow; on the widows, and on the fatherless, and on those who have none to help them. Look down with compassion on all who suffer from the calamities of war. Be merciful to our relations and friends; grant that they may now be united with us in the bonds of Christian love; and that we may all be members of Thy blessed family in heaven.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to take us, who are unable to protect ourselves, under Thy

gracious care this night. O hear us from heaven Thy dwelling place; and for Thy mercy's sake bestow upon us more than we are able to ask, or think, or are worthy to receive.

We present these our humble and imperfect petitions in the name and through the alone merits of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

O Lord Our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, we desire to approach Thy presence with humble and devout hearts. Save us, we beseech Thee, from mingling with this our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise any worldly or wandering thoughts; but may we remember, that we are now in Thy presence; and worship Thee who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

We thank Thee, O God, for Thy merciful protection during the past night; for our renewed health and strength; and for the various comforts by which we are surrounded. And we desire now to dedicate again to Thee all the faculties of our bodies and of our minds, and to spend the day which is before us to Thy glory.

Deliver us, O Lord, from all the temptations which may assail us this day. Help us to resist the world, the flesh, and the Devil. May we not be drawn aside into any forbidden paths, nor betrayed into

anything which is contrary to our Christian duty; but may we watch and strive continually that all our ways and doings may be pleasing in Thy sight. We are weak and helpless, prone to evil, and laden with iniquity; but do Thou, for our merciful Saviour's sake, have compassion on our infirmities; and give us grace sufficient for us in every hour of our necessity. Grant, O Lord, that we may be thus preserved from sin; and putting our whole trust and confidence in Thee, may not be confounded.

Give us undoubting faith in all the truths of Thy holy word: may we be daily warned by the terrors of the Lord, and invited by Thy mercy. May we meditate on the awful punishments denounced against the wicked; and bear in mind the glorious rewards which Thou hast promised to all those who please Thee by patient continuance in well doing. May we be prepared to make any and every sacrifice to which Thou mayest be pleased to call us. May we consider all our interests in this life as of little value, in comparison with our eter-

nal welfare. May we seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; trusting that all things needful for the body shall be added unto us, as Thou hast promised.

We commend ourselves, in all humility and godly fear, to Thy care and protection for this day. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to pardon all our sins in time past: we pray for forgiveness and mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ; we bless Thee for this great Mediator and Advocate; and we would place in Him all our confidence and hope, in time and through eternity.

These and all other needful blessings, temporal and spiritual, we humbly ask in the name and through the infinite merits of the same blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; yet hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we draw near to Thee under a deep sense of our sinfulness and unworthiness, and humbly implore Thy pardoning grace. We have transgressed in thought, word, and deed; and in looking back on our past lives, are confounded with the multitude of our offences. Many have been the sins of which Thou, O Lord, and Thou only, hast been the witness. O Thou, who willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; save us, we beseech Thee, from that wrath which we have deserved. Fulfil toward each of us those gracious promises which Thou hast made in Jesus Christ: and cause us to rejoice in the sense of Thy favour here, and in the hope of eternal life in the world to come.

Weak as well as sinful, we flee to Thee,

O Lord, for strength and succour: and lest through our frailty we should again yield to the power of our manifold temptations, grant unto us both the protection of Thy good providence, and the guidance and help of Thy Holy Spirit. Put into our hearts good desires; and enable us, by Thy grace, to bring the same to good effect. Correct whatever is amiss in the temper and dispositions of our minds. Deliver us from pride and vanity, and from the too great love of earthly things; from that fear of man which bringeth a snare; and from all inordinate indulgence. Save us from envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness; and so rule our hearts that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath. Enable us to go to our rest, this night, full of brotherly kindness and charity; and maintaining a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards all men. May our hearts be fitting habitations for Thy Holy Spirit; and may our souls and bodies be preserved pure and blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With these prayers for ourselves, we offer up our intercessions for others also. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine upon all the nations and kingdoms of the earth. Have mercy upon the country in which we live, and bless and prosper it abundantly. Bless all Christian rulers and magistrates; strengthen their hands, that they may effectually repress wickedness and vice, and maintain Thy true religion among us. Give grace to the ministers of Thy word and sacraments, that they may diligently and faithfully discharge the several duties of their office, and be examples of virtue and godliness. Send down Thy blessings, both temporal and spiritual, upon our relations and friends; and unite with us in Christian bonds those who are already joined to us by the ties of nature and affection. Be merciful to those who are in any trouble of mind, body or estate; comfort them in their sorrows, and in Thy own good time and way give them relief and deliverance.

[Regard in tender compassion the children of this family. May they daily learn

the fear of the Lord; and may they ever walk in Thy commandments.]

We now beseech Thee, O Lord, to continue to us Thy gracious protection through this night. Into Thine hand we commend our bodies and souls; our temporal and our eternal interests. Do Thou, O Lord, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, take us under Thy special care; defend us from every danger; and grant us such refreshing rest, as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Give us grace always so to live, that we may never be afraid to die; and that whether we live, we may live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord: all which we ask in the name and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O Lord Almighty, infinite in power, in goodness, and in mercy; help us now to worship Thee, before whom the angels veil their faces, with all reverence and humility. May we approach Thy presence with a deep sense of Thine awful majesty, and of Thy spotless purity and holiness; and so address Thee, that Thou mayest hear our prayers, and pour down upon us every needful blessing.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant us this day the abundant grace of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be strengthened to fulfil our several duties, and to resist the temptations which may assail us. We invoke Thy succour and defence in the name of Jesus Christ; through whom Thou vouchsafest strength to the weak, and suppliest all our spiritual wants. Have compassion upon us, for our Saviour's sake; cleanse us for His sake from the stain of every sin; from pride, and envy, and selfishness, and malice, and all uncharitableness;

and make us meek and lowly, and gentle, and kind, and forgiving. Give us grace to obey Thee cheerfully and readily, and to do whatever Thou requirest of us. May we not live to please ourselves, or indulge any evil inclinations of our own hearts; but may we aim to glorify Thee our God and Saviour, and do good in our day and generation. Thou hast appointed, unto each of us, our work in life: and we pray that we may clearly discern the things we ought to do, and have grace to fulfil, each of us, the duties of our several stations, with integrity and fidelity. May we remember that this day, as on every day, Thine eye is continually upon us; and while we think of Thee, may we put our cheerful trust in Thee; commit all our ways unto Thee; and be found in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

We thankfully acknowledge Thy various and great mercies. We bless Thee, that Thou coverest our table with plenty; that Thou makest us to abound with the good things of this life; and causest us to go out and come in in safety. Help us, O Lord,

to use with moderation the gifts which Thou bestowest; and to maintain, while we enjoy them, continual thankfulness of heart.

More especially, we bless Thee for Thy mercies in Jesus Christ, through whom alone we obtain the pardon of our sins, and the blessed hope of eternal life. We beseech Thee to give us a right understanding of all things relating to the concerns of our souls, that we may know how to walk so as to please Thee, and how to avoid all that is hateful in Thy sight. Guide us in all difficulties; succour and strengthen us under all temptations; and supply all our spiritual, as well as temporal, wants, for Thy great mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who preservest us from day to day, and from week to week; and continually renewest Thy various mercies and blessings to us; we bow down before Thee this evening, who art the author of our being and the source of all our happiness, to express our gratitude and love. We thank Thee, that while so many are suffering misery and want, we are provided with innumerable comforts; and are passing day after day in quietness and peace.

We pray Thee, O Lord, that as we consider our lot in life, we may become more thankful for all that goodness which is showered down upon us; and more earnest and diligent in employing the talents and opportunities which are entrusted to us, in doing good to our fellow creatures, and in diminishing, as much as in us lies, both the wickedness and the misery which are in the world. We lament every neglect and abuse of Thy providential gifts of which we may have been guilty; confessing, with

shame and humiliation of soul, that our talents and opportunities have been less turned to a religious and profitable use than they ought to have been. Pardon, we beseech, all these our sins of omission; and give us grace to be more faithful for the time to come.

We would, especially, lament our misspent time, our neglected opportunities, and all our other offences, during the past week: the sinful thoughts we have indulged; the unchristian tempers we have displayed; the hasty and unbecoming words we have uttered. We bewail, also, the coldness of our hearts in our religious duties; our insensibility to the affecting truths of the Gospel of Thy grace. We confess that we have been too listless and lukewarm in Thy worship and service; too much alienated in our affections from Thee, our God; and too much occupied with the cares and concerns of this world. Living as we do, O Lord, on Thy continual bounty, protected by Thy power, and indebted to Thy pardoning grace, we have laboured too little to fulfil Thy holy will,

and to walk in all Thy statutes and ordinances, blameless. We approach Thee now in all humility, confessing these our sins and negligences, and imploring Thy forgiveness through the all-prevailing merits of our atoning and mediating Saviour; and we would lie down this night trusting in His all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross for us, and looking unto Him as the author and finisher of our faith, and our only hope of eternal life.

We pray Thee, O Lord, that being thus prepared by penitence and deep humiliation of soul, we may go forth on the ensuing Lord's day, in a suitable frame of mind to worship Thee acceptably in Thine House of Prayer; to offer our supplications and thanksgivings with devout and holy fervour; and to hear Thy word with teachable and submissive dispositions. May we worship Thee, who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. May we receive the precious seed sown in an honest and good heart. May the truths of Thy Gospel be our consolation and support. As Thy holy day returns, may we welcome

the joyful sound; and bless Thee for Thy great goodness, in not only increasing our temporal mercies, but also in setting before us the way, and inspiring us with the hope of eternal life.

[Have compassion on the children of this family. Incline them to know and do Thy will; dispose them to hear Thy word with attention, that they may grow wiser and better every day they live: and teach them to lift up their hearts in prayer and praise, while they unite with us in our worship of Thee.]

Impress upon all our minds the value of eternal things. Confirm the wavering in the ways of true religion. Convince them that godliness has the promise of the life that now is, as well as of the life which is to come. May they, also, be convinced of the evil and danger of sin; be led to exercise true repentance; and through a living faith in Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, find that peace of conscience, and that fulness of hope, which are assured in Thy word to the penitent and believing.

Unto Thee, our Father and our Redeemer, do we commit ourselves this night, beseeching Thee to defend us from every danger. May we lie down in the fear of God, in the faith and love of Christ our Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost; and may we rise in the morning, rejoicing in our Christian privileges, and disposed and prepared to use them to Thy glory, and our own edification and advancement in the Christian life.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed and gracious Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Second Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Creator of all things, Judge of all men, and the merciful Father of all Thine intelligent creatures; we adore Thee for Thy great goodness, in providing not only for our temporal necessities, but also for our spiritual wants.

We thank Thee for the privilege of worshipping Thee in Thy sanctuary; for the reading and preaching of Thy holy word, by which we are instructed in the knowledge of Thy will, and made wise unto salvation; and for all the means of grace which Thou hast appointed in Thy holy church, for our edification and comfort. We thank Thee, also, for this Thy day of sacred rest, on which our thoughts are called away from the cares and employments of this present life, to the consideration of those things which are eternal.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that we may in no wise neglect or misimprove

these great religious advantages; but that we may worship Thee this day in Thy holy temple, with humble and contrite hearts; and reverently hear and receive the truths of Thy holy word. May we remember when we are in Thy House, in whose awful presence we stand; in whose service we are engaged; and whose word it is we hear; and may we be so awed by a sense of Thine ineffable majesty, and so affected by the knowledge of Thy compassion and mercy, that we may render unto Thee an acceptable sacrifice of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving; lay seriously to heart those things which we may hear out of Thy holy word; and in no way receive Thy grace in vain. When we return from Thy house, dispose us all to a serious consideration of our ways; to examine ourselves as to whatever has been amiss in us during the past week; to enter into our closets and implore Thy mercy in our secret prayers; and to read and ponder Thy holy scriptures, for our edification, correction, reproof, and instruction in righteousness.

O Lord, help us to consider how few are

our days on earth; and how soon we may be called to give an account of the religious privileges we have enjoyed, and of the talents committed unto us. Enable us by Thy grace, diligently to redeem the time; before the day of our departure shall come, and our destiny for eternity be sealed. May we make haste to obey Thy voice; be diligent in endeavouring to know Thy will, and faithful in doing it. For this end, we implore the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to enlighten and direct us; to guide us into all truth; to save us from all ignorance, blindness, and hardness of heart; and from all those delusions which are fatal to the soul. May we not speak peace unto ourselves when there is no peace; nor count on Thy favour, when we are living in impenitence and unbelief. Give us, O Lord, true repentance and Thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives according to Thy holy word. If we are yet living in sin, convince us, we pray Thee, of our guilt and danger; make us to understand both our own sinfulness and Thy mercy; and lead us, in true contrition and

in true faith, to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

We beseech Thee to send Thine abundant blessing upon the ministers of Thy word and sacraments. Do Thou give great success to their labours. Endue them with the knowledge of Thy truth, and the love of Thy law. May they rightly and duly minister in holy things; may they preach Thy word with acceptance; may they awaken those who are yet dead in their sins; may they convince the wavering; establish the weak; comfort the feeble minded; raise up those that are fallen; and build up Thy true and faithful servants in their most holy faith, that they may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Hear us, O most merciful and gracious Lord, in these our humble supplications, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O Lord God Almighty, who knowest the secrets of every heart; who art of infinite purity and holiness, and not only claimest the outward service of Thine intelligent creatures, but requirest truth in the inward parts; we sinners who have grievously offended Thee, in thought, word, deed, most humbly confess our sins, and implore Thy merciful forgiveness.

We pray Thee to enlighten us, through Thy Holy Spirit, that we may discern wherein we have transgressed against Thee. Give us grace to examine ourselves, and compare our ways and doings with the standard of Thy holy word; that we may perceive our sins; and freely confessing them before Thee, and invoking Thy pardoning grace, may obtain perfect remission and forgiveness, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we acknowledge, with shame and confusion of face, all our forgetfulness of Thee, and the rebellion of our hearts against Thee. We have not honoured Thee

as God, as we ought to have done; we have preferred our own will to Thy righteous laws; and have followed too much our own vain imaginations. We have been careless in the use of the means of grace; we have not duly attended to the instructions of Thy ministering servants whom Thou hast set over us in the Lord; we have too much neglected the teaching of Thy holy word; and have been too indifferent to improve Thy day of sacred rest, to our spiritual edification.

Thou hast called to us by many dispensations of Thy providence, reminding us of our latter end, and impressing us with a sense of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. Thou hast shown us the vanity of all our earthly joys and hopes; and hast taught us lessons of true wisdom, both by the mercies, and by the afflictions, and all the various trials and disappointments, with which Thou hast visited us. But we have too often repined at Thy dispensations, instead of profiting by them; and have complained of our condition here, instead of turning our thoughts to a

happier and better world. When Thou hast multiplied our comforts, how prone have we been to place our chief happiness in these, instead of placing it in Thee, who art the gracious Giver! Many and various have been our sins, both secret and open, from our youth until this time: many have been the sinful thoughts we have indulged, and the rash and angry words we have spoken. Many are the unchristian tempers we have displayed towards our neighbours instead of loving them as ourselves; judging harshly of others, while we hope to be judged mercifully by Thee; unwilling to forgive, as we ourselves hope to be forgiven.

We would humbly confess before Thee, O Lord, the unprofitableness and worldliness of our hearts and lives. Thou hast appointed our condition in life, and hast ordered all things concerning us; but how little have we adorned the stations in which Thou hast placed us; how unfaithfully have we employed the talents entrusted to us; and how soon and often have we been weary in well doing!

We pray Thee, O God, to make us duly sensible of all our sins; and to give us grace to turn to Thee in true contrition; and to walk before Thee in newness of life. We thank Thee for the promise and assurance of forgiveness of sins, through faith in Jesus Christ, which we hear authoritatively on each returning Lord's day; encouraging us to confess and forsake our offences, to renew our repentance, and to call upon the Lord our God, in sure trust and confidence in His pardoning grace. Grant unto us, together with the pardon of our sins, the aid and guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth; that the instruction we have this day received, may be deeply and profitably impressed on our minds; that we may discern the true and the right way, and walk steadfastly therein, resolutely contending against those temptations which in time past have most easily beset us.

Bless us, O Lord, during the present week. May we spend it in accordance with these our supplications, and in a manner worthy of our Christian calling.

Be Thou our counsellor and guide, and our defender in whom we trust. Guard us from all dangers; and keep us continually in all our ways. Maintain in us Thy abounding grace to purify and strengthen us; and bring us at length to Thine everlasting kingdom, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day; we pray Thee to conduct us through the same in peace; and enable us so to pass the time of our probationary pilgrimage on earth, that when we go hence, an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into Thy heavenly kingdom. May the impressions made on us by the services of Thy Church on the day of holy rest, be permanent and abiding; and the instruction received in hearing Thy holy word read and preached be remembered and acted on to our spiritual edification. We bless Thee, O Lord, for Thy abundant grace in Jesus Christ; for the motives, promises, and encouragements of Thy glorious gospel; and we pray Thee that it may be made unto us and unto every one that believeth, the power of God unto salvation. We bless Thee, that Thy Son hath died a sacrifice for sin; that He hath risen again, and ascended into heaven,

and ever liveth there our mediator and advocate. We thank Thee for sending the Holy Ghost, the Comforter and sanctifier of the faithful to dwell in our hearts, and for all His manifold gifts; and we pray that through His great might we may overcome all our spiritual enemies; resist and conquer all our evil propensities; and go forth to our daily occupations and trials, in confidence that we have the Lord for our righteousness and our strength.

Prepare us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, for every duty of this day; arm us for every conflict which may come upon us; and sanctify us wholly, in body, soul, and spirit, for Thy service. May we seriously and earnestly devote ourselves to Thee, and to all our Christian obligations; may we be found walking always in Thy fear; fulfilling, each of us, our proper work in all honesty and godly simplicity. Deliver us from a careless and worldly spirit; from a life of idleness and unprofitableness, as well as vice and wickedness. Save us from the sins which in times past may have most easily beset us: and from those

temptations to which, through our age and circumstances, we may now be most exposed. May our hearts be occupied with love to Thee; and may all our faculties and energies be employed in doing good.

May Thy grace increase in us and abound; and our corruptions be weakened day by day. May we be found always abounding in the work of the Lord; and forgetting the things which are behind, and looking forward to those things which are before, may we be ever pressing forward towards the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

We further beseech Thee, O God our Saviour, to deliver us from every prejudice and error by which we may be in danger of being deceived. Save us from a blinded conscience, and from a false and misguided zeal. Suffer not that, through any fault of ours, the way of truth should be evil spoken of; and make us fearful, lest by any unchristian tempers or conduct, any inconsistency of life and conversation, we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Help us also this day, O Lord, to re-

member how short and uncertain is the time of our sojourning here on earth; and the responsibilities of our position and employments; so that, whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do it with all our might. Give us grace to fulfil, faithfully and zealously, the duties of our several stations; and at the same time maintain a spiritual and heavenly mind. May our affections be set on things above, and not on things on the earth; and may we, with the eye of faith, ever behold our blessed Lord sitting at the right hand of God, and thither in heart and mind ascend, and with Him continually dwell. May we live to Thee, and for Thee; and, whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, do all to the glory of God.

We offer up these our humble and imperfect petitions, in the name and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, the author of our being, the supporter of our lives, and the source of all our hopes, both in this world, and in that which is to come; we lift up our evening prayer to Thee, in acknowledgment of Thy divine goodness, and of our continual dependence upon Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy merciful protection during the past day: by Thee have we been sustained ever since we were born; and by Thy gracious care we are now enabled to go to our rest in peace. Blessed be Thy name if we have been in any measure preserved from evil. Exposed, as we are, to dangers on every side; to innumerable ills which afflict the body, and numberless temptations which assault and hurt the soul; living in the midst of an ensnaring world; our own hearts ever prone to deceive us; and our great spiritual adversary going about continually, seeking whom he may devour; our hope

and confidence, O Lord, are only in Thee. Be Thou unto us a rock of defence, that we may be saved from all our enemies. In every season of temptation, in all time of our adversity, in the day also of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

We beseech Thee, O our heavenly Father, to pardon all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and especially the offences we have this day committed. Professing to be Thy servants, yet in many things we continue to offend Thee. Privileged with the teaching of Thy revealed word, how little do we profit thereby. Called to serve Thee, and instructed in our duty towards Thee, how little fruit do we bring forth which is worthy of our Christian calling; and of that care which Thou, in Thy providence and grace, hast bestowed upon us. We earnestly implore Thy forgiveness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Be Thou merciful unto us for His sake; and implant Thy Holy Spirit in our hearts, that we may perceive our faults, repent and reform our lives, and be disciples of

Christ, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

Be pleased to sanctify to the good of our souls whatsoever events have befallen us this day. May we be gathering spiritual wisdom from the occurrences which meet us in our daily experience. Beholding instances and examples of patience and long suffering, of meekness and gentleness, of brotherly kindness and charity, may we faithfully follow them; and witnessing the mortality of others, may we be reminded that our time also is short and uncertain; and that blessed are they whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.

Bless, we earnestly beseech Thee, our several relations and friends; and be Thou bountiful to our benefactors.

[Show Thy mercy and goodness to the children of this family. Give wisdom to those who shall be appointed to instruct and train them; provide for them friends who shall guide them in the right way, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.]

We pray for the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us; endue them with wisdom and true patriotism; may all their counsels and acts be directed to the promotion of the public good, and the safety, welfare and prosperity of the nation. May our Legislators legislate in Thy fear, and their acts be directed to the subservience of the true interests of our country, and to Thy glory. We implore Thee also to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy name. Endue the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries with the true spirit of their high and holy calling; may they watch for the souls committed to their charge, with all faithful diligence, as they who must give account; may they go forth in Thy strength, and testify of Thy truth by godly example and holy living; and so preach Thy pure, unadulterated word, that it may have free course and be glorified. We pray for the great men of

the land, that they may be examples of virtue to all under their influence; for the wealthy, that they may rightly use their wealth, accounting it not theirs but Thine, and employ it to the promotion of Thy glory, and the good of their fellow men; for the poor, that they may be preserved from repining at their lot, and may live in all godliness and honesty; and for those who are sick or in trouble, that they may patiently endure the afflictions of the Lord, and in due time find relief and deliverance. We thus commend to Thy gracious care both ourselves and others; and we desire to lie down in perfect charity with all men.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, we approach Thee in all humility and reverence, to offer our morning sacrifice of prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Deliver us from all wandering thoughts; help us to remember in whose presence we are; and enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, who art the preserver of our lives, and the giver of all the good things we enjoy; we thank Thee for the mercies of the past night. We bless Thy great and glorious name, that we are permitted to meet together this morning in so much health and comfort; and have the prospect of passing another day in the enjoyment of the bounties of Thy providence, and in the participation of Thy marvellous grace. We beseech Thee to endue us with power to serve Thee in our several stations and occupations acceptably, and to walk in accordance with the teaching and the spirit of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our

baptismal vows and promises. Save us from the temptations of the day; strengthen us for the fulfilment of our duties; direct us under all our difficulties; and comfort us under any adversity or calamity which may come upon us. Grant, that, when we lie down at night, we may be able to look back on the hours which shall have passed, and on the employments in which we have been occupied, with an humble confidence that Thou acceptest our services, and wilt pardon our infirmities, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to deliver us from all evil passions; from pride and envy, from hatred and malice, from censoriousness and uncharitableness; especially from any want of kindness towards those who dwell with us in the same family, and worship Thee together as partakers of the same faith. Preserve us, also, from those secret transgressions which Thine omniscient eye alone can discern in us; and deliver each of us from the sins which do most easily beset us. Grant that Thy good Spirit may this day abide with us,

influencing all our motives and actions, and disposing us to every good word and work.

Help us, O Lord, to call often to remembrance, the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us in Christ Jesus our Saviour; who came down from heaven to die for our sins, and instruct us in righteousness and true holiness; that we, being delivered from the dread of Thy wrath, and rejoicing in the hope of Thy mercy, may serve Thee day by day in newness of life. Increase and strengthen our faith in our crucified, risen, and ascended Redeemer. Teach us to walk according to His pure and perfect example. May we, like Him, be kind and compassionate, forbearing and forgiving, holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

We pray Thee, O Lord our God, to bless us, not this day only, but to the end of our lives. So long as we remain in this world of trial, strengthen, enlighten, comfort, and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit. Suffer us not at any time to depart from Thee, our Father and our Redeemer, through any

allurements of the world, or any temptations of the flesh, or of the Devil; but make us ever steadfast in Thy truth, faithful to Thy cause, and devoted to Thy service.

We offer up these our imperfect prayers, in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our adorable Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who discernest all our thoughts, words and works, and who wilt judge us at the last day; we beseech Thee to pardon whatsoever sins we have this day committed against Thy divine Majesty; and give us grace so to examine ourselves, that we may know wherein we have offended Thee, and humble ourselves before Thee in true contrition, and in steadfast purpose of amendment of life.

We confess that we have this day done many things which we ought not to have done; and have left undone many things we ought to have done; and there is no health in us. We have been worldly, self-indulgent, forgetful of our Christian obligations, negligent in the discharge of the duties of our station; indifferent to the opportunities afforded us of doing good. Pardon our offences, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake; and teach and enable us so to amend our ways and our doings, our

tempers and dispositions, that we may be His disciples, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

We pray Thee, O God, to take us under Thy gracious care this night. Do Thou, to whom the darkness and the light are both alike; and who art ever present to defend and succour those who put their trust in Thee, protect and save us from the perils and dangers which surround us. Grant unto us such refreshing rest, as may fit us for the duties of the following day; and teach us ever to put our whole trust and confidence in Thee.

Amidst all the trials which we may meet with here, enable us to rejoice in Thee, our most gracious God and Saviour; and ever to look forward, with humble and cheerful hope, to the great day of Thy appearing. May we know, in the assurance of a true and living faith, in whom we have believed; may our souls be safe in Thy hands, O Lord, our Redeemer and Mediator, to whom we have committed them; and in whose infinite merits alone we desire to trust. Accept, we beseech

Thee, the imperfect services of this day; forgive whatever hath been evil in our dispositions or our conduct; look with favour on whatever hath been good; and visit us with Thy salvation.

Have mercy on, and bless all our relations and friends; relieve their sorrows, supply their wants, and direct their steps. Endue them with a lively faith in all the promises of Thy word, and make them fruitful in every good work.

We pray Thee, O Lord, for our rulers and our country. Deliver us from the hands of our enemies; prosper us in all our undertakings which are accordant with Thy will; and direct the public measures to our true interest and to Thy glory.

Have pity on the poor, the desolate, and the oppressed. Be Thou a Father to the fatherless; and a God of consolation to the widow. Look with an eye of favour on the rising generation; and raise Thou up a seed to serve Thee, who shall hand down Thy truth to the latest posterity.

[Bless especially the children of this family; may they be trained up in the

nurture and admonition of the Lord; may they be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life; may they be submissive and dutiful in all things; may they live one with another in harmony and love; may they be preserved from the contagion of the evil world; and after a life of holy obedience to Thy laws, may they be all members of Thy blessed family in heaven.]

Pardon, O Lord, the infirmity and imperfection of these our prayers; and answer us, not according to our deservings, but according to the riches of Thy grace in Jesus Christ; for whom we bless Thee, and to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O God, who hast commanded us in Thy word to call upon Thy name, and hast declared that Thou hearest and answerest the prayers of all those who make their supplications unto Thee in sincerity and truth; we desire now to offer our petitions and our thanksgivings, under a deep sense of our unworthiness, and of Thy manifold and great mercies.

We bless Thee for Thy preservation of us during the past night; and for permitting us, in circumstances of so much mercy, to see the light of another day. We desire to acknowledge again our dependence upon Thee; and to offer unto Thee the morning sacrifice of our thanksgiving and praise. We thank Thee for the many blessings of this life which Thou hast bestowed upon us; for our health and strength; for our food and raiment; and for all the earthly comforts and conveniences we enjoy. Above all, we praise

Thee for the inestimable privilege of being born in a land of religious light and knowledge; of being admitted into Thy holy Church by baptism, and for the means and opportunities of grace therein vouchsafed to us. For these, and for all other Thy various and great mercies, we would render unto Thee the tribute of thankful hearts; and we would endeavour to show our gratitude, not with our lips only, but with our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Enable us, we beseech Thee, by Thy grace, to pass this day in Thy fear. May we employ ourselves in those things which become our station and circumstances; may we mortify all our corrupt and sinful affections; may we rise superior to our temptations, and in Thy strength prevail over our several infirmities; and may we exercise ourselves in maintaining a conscience void of offence towards Thee, and towards all men.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to animate our

minds to do Thy will, by the precious promises, and glorious hopes, which are revealed to us in Thy word. May they be so impressed on our hearts, as to make all present sacrifices as nothing, in comparison with the blessedness which they set before us, as awaiting those who love and serve Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom. We are compassed about daily with infirmities and temptations; we pray that every sinful propensity, and every evil habit, may be weakened in us; that every temptation may, by degrees, be overcome; that every apprehension and dread may at length be done away; and that in the exercise of a true and lively faith, we may find peace with Thee, and rejoice in hope of eternal life. May we thus be brought into the true and glorious liberty of the children of God; and serve Thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Thee, all the days of our lives.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications; and supply both our temporal and spiritual wants as shall seem to Thee best, and most expedient for us, for the sake of

Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O Lord God Almighty, Father of mercies, from whom we derive the temporal comforts which we enjoy, and to whom we owe the blessed and glorious hope of everlasting life; we desire to render unto Thee this our evening sacrifice of prayer, and praise and thanksgiving. We gratefully acknowledge Thy goodness to us during the past day; and we beseech Thee to continue to us Thy gracious protection during the approaching night. Unto Thee, O Lord, who art ever present with us; who sustainest our lives, though we see Thee not; who art our protection in all dangers; our support in trouble; our guide in difficulty; our best consolation in time of sickness; and our only refuge and hope in the hour of death; do we commend ourselves in humble and filial confidence.

We pray Thee, O, our Father and our Redeemer, to increase our trust and confidence in Thee. Deliver us from the love of this changeful and uncertain world; and

cause us to set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. Strengthen and confirm our faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, and in all the promises of the Gospel of His grace; and grant, that having committed ourselves to Thy mercies in Him our Lord and Saviour, we may find in Him continual rest and peace.

We beseech Thee, for His sake, to pardon whatever sins we have this day committed against Thee. We are compassed about with infirmities, and exposed to temptations from without and from within; and professing to know Thy word, and to live in obedience of Thy will, in many things we continually offend. We are often slothful in the performance of our duties; we fail to watch against our peculiar temptations; we yield too much to the evil example of those around us; we are governed too much by the fear of man, we indulge our pride, our selfishness, our evil tempers; in various ways we renew our sins to the great disquiet of our souls. Forgive, O Lord, our manifold offences; and pour out upon us Thy Holy Spirit, to

preserve us from all sin, to guide us into all truth; and to enable us to become more steadfast and zealous in Thy service, and more diligent in every good work.

We commend to Thy gracious and fatherly care all those for whom it is our duty to pray. Have compassion on our relatives and friends, and supply their various wants through the riches of Thy great mercy.

Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us; and endue them with wisdom and guidance, and strength to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called.

Be merciful to all who are in adversity and sorrow. Look with pity on all who suffer through the calamities of war; on all prisoners and captives; and on all who are destitute and oppressed. Bestow Thy special favour on Thine afflicted servants; and cause their earthly troubles to issue in their eternal joy.

Have mercy on the young; may there never be wanting in this land a seed to serve Thee; and may those who shall come

after us obtain from Thee the abundance of light and knowledge, of faith, and hope, and love; so that the fruits of righteousness may abound; the excellency of Thy Gospel may be more and more manifested in the world; and Thy Holy Church be built up, and extended in its limits and influence to Thy glory, the edification of the faithful, and the salvation of mankind.

We offer these our imperfect supplications, in the name and through the mediation of our adorable Redeemer, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, we Thine unworthy servants kneel down to thank Thee for Thy merciful care and protection during the past night, and humbly invoke Thy blessing to rest upon us throughout the day. Enable us to begin our daily course, with the solemn dedication of ourselves to Thy service, and then go to the duties of our several stations, with an earnest desire and purpose to do everything in Thy fear, and with a view to Thy glory.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to establish us in Thy trust; and to cause us to know and love and walk in Thy ways. May we read Thy holy word unto our instruction and edification. May its doctrines and precepts be deeply and profitably impressed on our minds. May the inspired narrative of our Saviour's life and sufferings and example, affect us seriously and have its full influence upon us; excite our warmest gratitude and love to Him who

died for us; inspire us with an hatred of sin; elevate us above the fear of wicked men; and teach us to take part firmly with our despised and crucified Lord. May that zeal to save us, which He showed, awaken, in each of us, a deep concern for our own salvation; and may it be the chief desire of our hearts, and the earnest endeavour of our lives, to be made partakers of all the benefits both of His precious death and His glorious resurrection.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, prone as we are to evil, and less disposed than we ought to be to spiritual things, that Thou wouldst purify our minds from all sinful and vain desires, by the powerful efficacy of Thy grace. May Thy Holy Spirit dwell within us, as a spirit of purity and holiness, of truth and wisdom, of peace and love, and of holy joy and consolation. May we pass this day in the thankful remembrance of Thy mercies, and in the diligent performance of Thy commandments. May no evil thoughts, no angry passions, no unchristian tempers, no distressing doubts and fears disturb us. May

we endeavour to serve Thee, our God and Saviour with all diligence, fidelity, and integrity; and live peaceably with all men. May we be humble, forbearing, kind, and considerate; patient and thankful; sober minded and temperate in all things. May we fulfil the duties of the day acceptably to Thee; and may we go to our rest at night, praising Thee again for all Thy goodness, and committing ourselves with holy confidence to Thy gracious and merciful care and protection.

These and all other needful blessings, we humbly ask in the name and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

All Glorious and Eternal God, by whose power we were created, by whose providence we are sustained, and by whose grace we have the promise and hope of eternal life; we would bless and magnify Thy glorious name, for all Thy mercies, temporal and spiritual; and especially for Thy goodness to us on the day which is now past.

We thank Thee for our food and raiment; for our various comforts and enjoyments; for our exemption from sickness, pain and sorrow; and for our deliverance from many of those temptations which are common in the world. We bless Thee also, and particularly, for the religious advantages we so abundantly possess; for the light of Thy glorious gospel which shines upon us; for the gift of Thy revealed word; and for the several means of grace afforded us in Thy Holy Church.

We desire, at the same time, to acknowledge and confess the manifold transgres-

sions which make us so unworthy of Thy goodness. We have trespassed in thought, word and deed; we have done those things we ought not to have done; and have left undone those things we ought to have done; and there is no health in us, and no hope for us, save in Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ. Pardon, O Lord, for His sake, all the sins we have committed on this day. Forgive whatever pride and vanity we have indulged; whatever anger and passion, fretfulness and impatience we may have betrayed; whatever evil thoughts we may have harboured in our minds; and whatever harsh and unkind words we may have uttered. We plead the infinite merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we place all our confidence and trust; and we would rejoice, that there is this great Mediator between God and men; through whom there is perfect remission of sins for all, who with penitent, contrite, believing, and obedient hearts, confess and forsake their sins, and strive to amend their ways.

Endue us, O Lord, abundantly with the gifts and graces of Thy Holy Spirit; that

we may turn from our sins; delight in doing the will of our heavenly Father; and be ever found in the path of His commandments. Make us humble and lowly, kind and benevolent, and fruitful in every good work. May we follow the example of our blessed Saviour, who went about doing good; and remembering how short and uncertain is our continuance here, may we use all diligence, both in serving others, and in making our own calling and election sure.

We desire also, before we lie down to rest, to commend to Thy grace and care all our relations and friends. Protect them, we beseech Thee, from all evil; grant to them all things needful and convenient for them; and when they shall have experienced Thy favor here, bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom.

[Bless the children of this family; may they ever be mindful of Thy covenant; of the grace in which they are privileged to stand; and of the promises and vows of their baptism; strengthen them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may resist sin; may

overcome the world; may deny themselves; may be docile and obedient; and may bring forth fruit in their lives, to the praise and glory of Thy Name.]

Finally, we implore Thy blessing on our civil rulers and our country; on our magistrates; on the ministers of Thy word and sacraments; and on all orders and degrees of men among us. Teach us all to fill our several stations, and discharge our several employments, with fidelity; and to walk in the fear of God, and in charity toward all men.

We offer these our imperfect prayers and intercessions, in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, on whom all Thy creatures everywhere depend, for life and breath, and all things; we, Thy creatures, whom Thy hand hath made, and whom Thy bounty hath supported, kneel down to acknowledge our obligations to Thee, as the Author of our being, and to implore Thy continual blessing upon us.

We lament, that we are by nature so prone to evil; and that, amidst the many gifts bestowed upon us, we so imperfectly lift up our thoughts to Him who is the gracious Giver. Every night Thou refreshest us with rest and sleep; and every morning Thou renewest Thy various mercies to us; giving us health and strength, and talents for Thy service, and affording us fresh opportunities for usefulness in the world.

We pray, that, as our days pass away, we may improve the time which is allotted us; that we be not slothful in business; yet fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

May we gather wisdom and knowledge, and guidance, and consolation, from Thy sacred word. May we diligently use all the means of grace Thou hast appointed in Thy Church; may Thy good Spirit direct our steps and keep us from falling; and may we labour, each of us, as Thy faithful servants in our several callings.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to impress upon us all a deep sense of the vanity of the world, and of the importance of eternal things. May we be continually looking to the end of our course; and remembering how soon all, in which we here delight, shall have passed away forever, may we day by day, and more and more, have our conversation in heaven; moderating our affections towards the things of this world, and living here below a life of faith in the Son of God, and of obedience of His commandments.

And now, O God our Saviour, whatsoever may be that employment which Thy providence allotteth to us, may we fulfil it as in Thy fear, and with a view to Thy glory. Wheresoever we are this day, do

Thou be present with us, to protect and bless us. Let Thy Holy Spirit enlighten, strengthen, console, and direct us. We pray especially, for grace to resist those temptations, and conquer those sins, which do most easily beset us. Thou, O Lord, who knowest our several infirmities, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to be watchful and circumspect; to avoid every approach to our former sins; to renew our repentance with unfeigned sorrow and contrition of heart, and with sincere purposes of amendment of life.

Hear us, now, we beseech Thee, in these our imperfect supplications; forgive us all our past transgressions; grant us the abundance of Thy grace for the time to come; be with us this day in our going out and in our coming in; prosper us in all our laudable undertakings; and enable us to be found always abounding in the work of the Lord;—all which we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and most merciful God, we would offer unto Thee, as a Christian family, our united prayers and supplications. We bless Thee for the protection and care extended to us during the day that is past; and for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us. We approach Thee, as the Omniscient God, who understandest the secrets of all our hearts; who hast known all the circumstances of our past lives; and art acquainted with the present dispositions of all our minds; who searchest out and knowest us; and from whom no secret thoughts or desires, no word or work, are hid. We humble ourselves before Thee, in unfeigned contrition for all our sins; in sincere purposes of amendment of life; and with our trust and confidence wholly placed in Thy promised and proffered forgiveness and mercy in Jesus Christ.

Suffer not, O Lord, that any of us should

harden our hearts against Thee. May we fear, lest death should overtake us in our sins. If any of us are conscious of being negligent of the things which make for our everlasting peace, may we begin to seek the salvation of our souls, with earnestness and anxiety. If any of us have already received Thy truth in the love of it; have truly repented us of our sins, and begun to lead a new life in Thy faith and fear, and to walk in Thy commandments, we pray Thee for grace to persevere, and to follow out our purposes and endeavours faithfully unto the end.

May we all realize the great privilege of looking up to Thee in filial confidence as our reconciled Father in Christ Jesus; and the blessedness of having Him for our friend, who made heaven and earth, and hath all things temporal and spiritual under His government and control. We pray that Thou wouldest grant unto us, this privilege and this blessedness. May we believe in Thee, our Saviour and our God, with hearts unto righteousness. May we serve Thee in all honesty and godly

simplicity. May we thus find favour in Thy sight; and live and act as the true children of Thy spiritual family and household; and experience Thy promise in its fulness, that all things shall work together for good to those who love and serve Thee. Having sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, may all other things be added unto us. May Thy merciful providence direct the events of our lives. May Thine arm be stretched out to protect us; and Thy Holy Spirit sustain and strengthen us. May Thy grace, should it please Thee to visit us with trials and afflictions, sanctify all our sorrows and sufferings; and cause them to be instrumental to our eternal good.

We now commit ourselves to Thee for this night; earnestly beseeching Thee to pardon our sins, and to take us under Thy gracious protection. May we rise in the morning with every good desire and virtuous purpose strengthened; and go to the duties of the following day, remembering that we are candidates for an heavenly prize; and looking beyond these shadowy,

fleeting, and temporal things to a better and more enduring inheritance.

We offer up these our imperfect petitions, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose will we were created, and by whose providence we are sustained; by whose mercy we have been called to the knowledge of our Redeemer, and by whose grace, whatever we have thought or done, which is acceptable to Thee, hath been inspired and directed; vouchsafe unto us this day, Thy gracious protection and blessing. Strengthen us for the faithful discharge of the duties now before us. Do Thou, who hast ordained labour to be the lot of man, and knowest the wants and necessities of all Thy creatures, bless and sanctify, from time to time, our several endeavours and employments. Feed us with food convenient for us. If it be Thy good pleasure to cause us to abound with the good things of this life, give us a compassionate spirit, that we may be ready to relieve the wants of others; but let neither riches nor poverty estrange our hearts from Thee; nor cause us

to become negligent of those treasures in heaven which can never be taken from us. Into whatever circumstances of life, prosperous or adverse, we may be brought, endue us with a spirit of cheerfulness, and contentment. In our affliction, may we remember how often we have been succoured; and in our prosperity, may we acknowledge the bounteous source whence our blessings are derived.

Do Thou dispose us all, most merciful God, so to remember our sins, that we may be led to true and unfeigned repentance and contrition of soul. Increase and strengthen our faith in Christ our Lord. Grant us the gracious help of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee acceptably in all things; and obtain that peace which the world cannot give; and be enabled to pass the residue of our days in humble resignation to Thy will, and in willing obedience of Thy laws. We acknowledge, O God, that every day is Thy gift, and ought to be used in accordance with Thy commands; give us grace, we beseech Thee, so to employ the day which is before us.

O Thou, in whose hands are life and death, and by whose mercy we are spared, help us so to improve the time, that we may, every day, become more holy in Thy sight; and when it shall please Thee to call us hence, may we resign our souls into Thine hands, with confidence and hope; and finally find mercy, and obtain a joyful resurrection unto eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commend to Thy fatherly goodness and care all our relations and friends; beseeching Thee to look mercifully upon them; and to grant them whatever may most promote their present comfort and their eternal joy.

Bless our civil rulers and magistrates, and all who are in authority over us. Extend Thy goodness to our whole country, and make this nation a praise in the earth. Pity the sorrows, and relieve the necessities of all mankind. Let Thy blessing be upon all who seek and serve Thee, in the ways and works of godliness; and to those who neglect Thee, give a sorrowful sense of their evil heart of unbelief, and

dispose them to true contrition and amendment of life.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers, for Jesus Christ's sake; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O God, who hast appointed a day in which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, by that Man whom Thou hast ordained; impress us deeply with a salutary remembrance thereof, and of our own personal participation in its dread investigation. Give us grace so to try and judge ourselves now, that we may not be finally condemned at the judgment seat of Christ. Do Thou, O Lord, who regardest our most secret thoughts, dispose us daily to examine faithfully both our hearts and lives. Grant unto us true repentance for whatever sins we have committed, either in thought, word, or deed; and forgive all our trespasses against Thee, and against our neighbour, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We confess that we are too unmindful of Thy covenant, and of our covenanted privileges and obligations; and too easily forget the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast sent Thy beloved Son from heaven to redeem and save us;

Thou hast initiated us into the covenant of grace and salvation by our baptism, and invested us with all the gracious privileges of Thy Holy visible Church; Thou hast favoured us with Thy word and ordinances; Thou hast invited us by Thy promises, and restrained us by Thy threatenings and warnings; Thou hast set before us for our encouragement, an inheritance which is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away; and Thou hast warned us of indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every one that doeth evil. Impress these blessings and these truths deeply on all our hearts, and make the remembrance of them salutary and edifying.

We beseech Thee to deliver us from unbelief, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word. May Thy Holy Spirit impress our minds with a deep sense of the importance of eternal things; and enable us so to labour in Thy service, that we may make our calling and election sure. May we be faithful, diligent, and hope to the end; knowing that we must soon put off

these mortal bodies, and that to all of us the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ draweth nigh.

We thank Thee for the privilege and advantage of the day of holy rest Thou hast appointed; for the ministrations of Thy Holy Church; for the gift of Thy sacred word; and for all the means of grace. With such opportunities for knowing Thy will, with such abundant light and knowledge; line upon line, and precept upon precept; may we practically improve the same, and be growing in grace and goodness day by day.

Assist us this night to look up to Thee with pure and humble minds. We would commit ourselves to Thy gracious care and protection, in a grateful sense of Thy constant presence with us; and earnestly desiring to partake both of Thy favour here, and of those joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore.

We pray Thee to bestow Thy blessing on our relations and friends; on the President of the United States, on all who are in authority over us; on the country in

which we live; and on all for whom we are bound to pray. Pity the sick and afflicted, and all who shall pass this night in wakefulness and pain. Succour the tempted. Give peace to those who are troubled in mind. Be Thou a Father to the fatherless; and a God of consolation to the widow, and to all who are desolate and oppressed. Give us all grace, that we may abound in charity and brotherly kindness one toward another, and toward all men; and do good unto all, as opportunity may offer, according to the commandment and example of our blessed Lord.

Pardon the imperfections of these our humble supplications; and grant unto us whatsoever things Thou knowest to be needful for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Third Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who didst send Thine only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, to rise again for our justification, and to ascend to heaven as our Mediator, Advocate, and all-prevailing Intercessor; and hast promised to all who truly repent and believe in Him, that they shall inherit eternal life; grant unto us such humble, contrite, believing, and obedient hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our misdeeds, and steadfastly trusting in Him for salvation, may finally be made partakers of His resurrection, and of that blessed and glorious hope, which is set before us in the Gospel.

We also beseech Thee, to grant us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not continue to transgress Thy laws, nor harden our hearts in unbelief and sin. Turn us, O Lord, from our evil ways, and lead us in the path of righteousness and peace.

While we adore Thee for Thy redeeming mercy, enable us to live to the praise of that Saviour who hath died for us. May we remember, that He who descended from heaven to save us from condemnation, came also to redeem us from all iniquity, and to purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; and may we have grace to walk according to His example, and to do whatever is pleasing in Thy sight.

We pray Thee to extend the light of Thy glorious Gospel over the whole earth; that from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same Thy name may be great among the nations; and that in every place incense may be offered unto Thy name, and a pure offering. Put an end to atheism and infidelity, to superstition and false religion, to heresy and schism, to irreligion and vice, and to war and discord. May the nations of the world receive Thy truth in the love of it; and being reconciled to Thee through Jesus Christ, live in peace, unity, and concord.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to keep Thy

Church and household continually in Thy true religion, that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power. We would lament the iniquity even of our holy things; and we beseech Thee to increase and strengthen our faith, and enlarge our charity, that we may let our light so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works and our consistent, exemplary lives, may be led to glorify Thee their Father who is in heaven.

We implore Thy blessing upon Thine appointed ministry of reconciliation, in its several orders and degrees. May Thy grace both prevent and follow them, inspiring them with devotedness, zeal, and fidelity in their sacred calling; and may they by the purity of their lives, eminently adorn and sanction the holy doctrine they teach, and the precepts they inculcate.

Look down in mercy on the rising generation. Inspire parents and teachers with zeal for the spiritual good of those who depend on them for instruction and example in the ways and works of godliness.

Give them wisdom from above, that they may know how to train the children committed to their care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and to the children give Thy grace, that they may be docile, reverential, and obedient; receive instruction with a teachable spirit; that as they advance in years, they may grow in grace, in knowledge, and in all virtue and religion.

Finally, we intercede with Thee in behalf of the poor and the afflicted. Do Thou, who art the God of all consolation, provide for and succour them. Send down help from above in every hour of their need; and turn their earthly tribulations and sorrows to their eternal good. Incline those who are in prosperity to remember all who are in adversity. Teach as many as are rich in this world to be ready to give and glad to distribute; and those who are strong to bear with the infirmities of the weak.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we now commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us: beseeching Thee to be present

with us in our attendance on the public worship in Thy courts; to impress us with a deep sense of Thy mercies, and our own unworthiness; so that, coming into Thy presence with meek hearts and due reverence, our prayers and praises may be acceptable in Thy sight; and that we may listen to Thy word read and preached, with edification and comfort.

We ask for all, in the name and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee to accept the worship which we have rendered unto Thee on this Thy holy day. Give Thine abundant blessing to all the means of grace Thou hast vouchsafed to us in the ministrations of Thy Church. Impart to us a full conviction of the truth of those doctrines, and the importance of those precepts, which have been delivered to us. May they not only excite our hopes and fears, and inspire us with an obedient spirit, while the sound of them is yet in our ears; but may they be engraven on all our hearts, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Remember not, we humbly beseech Thee, the negligences and offences of the past day. Pardon the wandering of our thoughts, the dulness and heaviness of our minds; the coldness of our affections; and all the blemishes and imperfections in our praises and prayers. Thou hast favoured us with many and great advantages; Thy

holy days of rest; the ministrations of Thy sanctuary; Thy holy word: and the means and opportunities of knowing Thy will. We humbly thank Thee, O Lord, for all these mercies; and with grateful hearts would rejoice in the knowledge of Thy truth: but rejoice with trembling; knowing that unto whom much is given, of these shall much be required. Grant unto us, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, in all His manifold gifts; to enlighten our darkness, to strengthen our weakness, and to supply all that is wanting for our spiritual necessities, and the promotion of the salvation of our souls.

We beseech Thee to manifest to all our hearts the abounding grace and love of Christ; that we may be delivered from all slavish fears, and may advance with cheerful and willing steps in the way of Thy commandments. Give us that hope, which is an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, and entereth into that within the veil. Vouchsafe to us that most excellent gift of charity, without which we are but as the sounding brass and the tinkling

cymbal. May we more plainly perceive and more often reflect, on the cause of our imperfect obedience in times past; and may we resolve and endeavour to correct our errors and amend our ways.

Impress upon us, O Lord, those doctrines of Thy word which are designed to draw our hearts more and more to Thee; and especially, may redeeming love engage and occupy our daily meditation. Grant, that having learned to love Thee for Thine unspeakable mercies in Christ Jesus, we may have the consolation of trusting, that through Him, we are safe in life, in death, and in eternity. May we pass through all the future scenes of life, secure from the sins by which we have been formerly overcome; and having surmounted some of the trials and temptations which once endangered our peace, may it be an encouragement to us to trust, that in due time, we shall triumph over them all.

Give us such a deep sense of our obligations to our blessed Saviour, and such a steadfast faith and hope of immortal life through Him, that we may rise superior

to all temptations, and diligently pursue the way that leadeth to that eternal life. May we ever keep in view the end of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus; and when we are engaged in our worldly occupations, may our love to Him inspire us with such zeal in doing good, and such holy activity in our Christian course, that we may be preserved from those snares, to which the careless and the irreligious are constantly exposed. Thus may we pass the remainder of our days on earth; growing in grace; looking unto the Author and Finisher of our faith for every needful blessing; and anticipating from Him when we shall depart hence, a joyful resurrection. May we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; and throughout the week, may we remember what we have heard and learned this day; and may we obtain of Thee, by daily prayer, the constant aid of Thy heavenly grace.

We commend ourselves and all belonging to us to Thy gracious care and protection this night; and ask Thee to accept

us, our imperfect services, and supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Most Gracious and Merciful God, who hast protected us through the past night, refreshed us with comfortable rest and sleep, and brought us together this morning in peace and safety; we would offer unto Thee our unfeigned thanksgiving and praise for these, and all Thy various and great mercies. We humbly confess our unworthiness to come into Thy presence, before whom the angels veil their faces, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean: for our lives have been unholy; and our sins many and great. If Thou shouldst strictly mark iniquity, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is ever forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared, in the assurance of which we rejoice. With Thee, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, there is mercy and plenteous redemption. Pleading His sacrifice for our sins, and trusting in His mediation and intercession, we approach the throne of Thy grace, with humble, penitent, and obedient hearts, and

utter the fitting supplication, God be merciful to us sinners for Jesus Christ's sake.

O Lord our God, grant unto us true repentance, and Thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives according unto Thy holy word. Convince us more and more of the great evil and danger of sin, and of our own sinfulness and unworthiness, that we may guard the more against it, and resist the temptations which lead to it. Discover to us every thing, either in our hearts or lives, which hath been displeasing to Thee, and enable us to avoid it for the future. May we, truly repenting of our offences, obtain, through faith in the precious blood of Thy dear Son, pardon and peace; and through the blessed hope which the gospel of Thy grace inspires, be raised above the various troubles, disappointments, and temptations of this present evil world, and have our hearts and affections set on heaven and heavenly things.

We pray, that through the knowledge of Thy truth, and the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, we may be disposed and strengthen-

ed to do Thy will in all things, and fulfil every precept of Thy word. May we do unto all men as we would they should do unto us; and may we forgive one another, even as we hope to be forgiven. May we be clothed with humility; and denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. May we be content with such things as we have; patient in tribulation; moderate in all our earthly enjoyments; just and upright in all our dealings; fulfilling each of us our proper duties; watchful against anger, hatred, malice, envy, uncharitableness, and all other evil tempers, which are ready to rise up within us. Thus doing Thy will, and walking in Thy ways, and faithfully improving every talent committed to us, may we pursue our Christian course in Thy fear and to Thy glory, and wait for the coming of our Lord.

We also most humbly beseech Thee, O Father of mercies, to look with an eye of favour on all our relations and friends; and bless them temporally and spiritually with Thy abundant blessings. Be gracious

unto all whom Thou hast disposed to be kind and beneficent to us; sanctify them wholly to Thyself; and shower down Thy abounding gifts and grace upon them. Pity all those who are afflicted, tempted, persecuted, and oppressed; and in Thine own good time give them deliverance. Bring home to Thy flock all those who have strayed, and are wandering in the ways of sin; and strengthen and confirm those who love Thy name, and enable them to rejoice in Thy salvation.

We pray Thee, moreover, to bless and purify and extend and establish Thy Holy Church, throughout the world; and make it an ark of safety, and a covenant of grace and salvation to all the nations of the earth. Give abundant success to the labours of Thine appointed ministry of reconciliation; that by their words, and works, and good example they may effectually proclaim Thy truth, to the conviction of gainsayers, and the confirmation of believers. Have compassion on the country in which we live; and, though many and grievous sins testify against us, with-

draw not Thou the light of Thy countenance, nor take away the means of grace so long afforded us. Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us; and direct the public measures to the best interests of the country and nation. Teach all orders and degrees of men among us to serve Thee in their generation according to Thy will; and grant that all the changes in the kingdoms and governments of the world may issue in the promotion of Thy glory, and in the furtherance of Thy gospel.

These, and all other things which are needful and expedient for us, we ask in all humility and gratitude, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who art the Giver of our lives, the Author of all our happiness, and the only Source of any true consolation and hope: who hast also taught us in Thy holy word, that Thou art the hearer and answerer of prayer, and art rich in mercy unto all who devoutly call upon Thee; encouraged by Thy gracious promises, we sinners, hopeless and helpless in and of ourselves, presume to call upon Thy name, and to implore Thy blessing and Thy mercy.

We confess, with all humility and contrition of heart, our manifold trespasses and sins. We have sinned by our early forgetfulness of Thee; and our iniquities have too much increased with our advancing years. We have been vain and worldly; proud and self-willed; too much engrossed by the things of this present world, and too thoughtless and regardless of the things which belong to our everlasting peace; inclined to cherish delusive

hopes of much earthly good; eager and desirous of worldly applause and reputation; but too little anxious to please Thee, and secure our eternal salvation.

We lament, O Lord, our insensibility and indifference to the teaching of Thy holy word; and the great truths of Thy Gospel; that we have been so little affected by the things we have heard; that we have so much neglected to follow Thy will, and obey Thy precepts; choosing rather to live according to the will of men, and the evil ways and corrupt customs of this sinful world. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not remain insensible to Thy mercies in Christ Jesus, and to our covenant privileges and responsibilities, as Thy children by adoption and grace. May we walk henceforth as children of God and of the light; may we ever remember that our baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; and as He died and rose again for us, so may we strive to die from sin and rise again unto righteousness; con-

tinually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

Impress us deeply, O Lord, with a sense of our Christian obligations and responsibilities. May we lie down this night, rightly and duly affected with the importance of eternal things; and resolve to give up our future lives more faithfully and devotedly to Thee, our God, who hast made and preservest us, and to Thee, O blessed Saviour, who hast redeemed us with Thy most precious blood.

We desire also to thank Thee, O our God and Father, for Thy manifold temporal gifts. Blessed be Thy name for all the mercies we have experienced this day; for our health and strength; for our food and raiment; and for all the various accommodations and comforts of life. We are unworthy of the least of all Thy bounties; yet we beseech Thee to pass by our unworthiness, and continue to us Thy providential blessings, as we may severally need. May we regard Thy benefactions as the gift of our reconciled Father in

Christ Jesus; and while we enjoy these Thy earthly blessings, may we look forward, with cheerful and humble hope, to those greater and better things, which, as yet, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive; but which Thou hast prepared for them who love Thee.

Accept, O Lord, for our Saviour's sake, whatever we may have done this day in any measure according to Thy commands; and receive these our imperfect prayers, through His merits and mediation.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who art the Author and Giver of all the good things which we enjoy; we Thy creatures, who are here assembled in Thy name and presence, desire to offer unto Thee our unfeigned thanks for all Thy temporal and spiritual mercies. We praise Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that the knowledge of this great salvation hath been extended to us; and that we are instructed in Thy will, and in the blessed truths of Thy Gospel. We thank Thee if Thou hast in any measure enlightened our minds to understand the truths we have been taught; and to know the things which make for our everlasting peace.

Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech Thee, that we may not walk in darkness; but, as He who hath called us is holy, so may we also be holy in all manner of conversa-

tion and godliness. Enable us to overcome and control our sinful appetites and passions; and to be sober and temperate in all things. Assist us by Thy Holy Spirit, to subdue our corrupt affections; all anger, and malice, and envy, and pride, and covetousness; and make us patient and contented, kind and charitable, humble and spiritually minded. Make us also, we pray Thee, diligent in our several callings, and useful in the world in which Thou hast placed us. Give us grace, that we may never misspend our time, nor neglect any opportunity of doing good; but make us willing to deny ourselves, that we may the more abundantly minister to the various wants of others. May we, each of us, clearly know the several duties to which we are called; and be faithful and zealous in the performance of them.

Grant, O Lord, that they who bear rule in this house may understand and realize their duties and responsibilities, and be earnest and diligent in their discharge; may they remember that they are only the stewards of the good things Thou entrust-

est to them; and that they must give account thereof hereafter to their Master who is in heaven.

[Give, to the children of this family, grace to be reverent, docile, and obedient in all things; and to learn to walk in the fear of the Lord, to be filially affectioned; and to exercise brotherly and sisterly kindness one towards another.]

May every member of this family understand their mutual obligations; may we all live in Christian peace, harmony and love; endeavouring to administer to each other's comforts, to bear each other's burdens, and to promote each other's temporal and spiritual good. Teach us all, also, to abound in charity towards all with whom we may have any intercourse, this day; and to be ready and willing to do good unto all men, according to our ability and opportunity.

Pardon, we beseech thee, O God our Saviour, all our past negligences, ignorances, and sins: help us to awake unto righteousness, and to be diligent in every good work; and when we shall lie down

at night, may we have the testimony of our consciences, that we have endeavoured to serve Thee according to our best opportunities and abilities, with humility and integrity of heart.

We implore Thy blessing, O Lord, on the President of the United States and all who are in authority over us; on our country; on our relations and friends; on those who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate; and on all for whom it is our duty to pray. Have pity on those who have wandered into forbidden paths, and are walking after the way of their own hearts; give them a due sense of their guilt and danger, and bring them home in penitence and faith to Thy flock.

Pardon the imperfections of these our prayers; and accept them for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we desire, as a Christian family, to offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the mercies of the past day, and to implore Thy blessing and protection for the coming night. We would ever remember the frailty of our nature; the uncertainty of our continuance here; and the account we must hereafter give of all things done in the body. May a sense of our accountability to Thee, and of the brevity and uncertainty of human life, be deeply impressed on our minds with each returning day; that we may enter upon our daily duties, reflecting on the ends for which we were born; and lie down each night, examining ourselves, whether we are so passing our time on earth, as we shall wish we had done when we come to die, and go to our final account.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to give us an holy jealousy over ourselves; lest we fall

short of our heavenly calling. Make us more diligent and faithful in Thy service. May we be found always abounding in Thy work, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness unto the praise and glory of Thy name. Pardon all our disobedience in the time past; our many negligences, as well as our sins; the wasted time, the idle words, the evil tempers of this day, and all that Thou hast seen amiss in our secret thoughts, and in our outward conduct.

We would lie down to our rest, trusting in Thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose gracious promises to every returning and repentant sinner, in whose infinite merits and all-prevailing mediation and intercession we place all our hope; and while we commend our souls to Thy mercies in Him, to Thee also do we commit all our worldly concerns. In Thine hand, O Lord, whose providence it is that bringeth every thing to pass, we leave the issue of all our undertakings; in the assurance that Thou knowest, better than ourselves, what is for our good.

Sanctify to us, O Lord, the daily events of our lives; and bless us with all spiritual and temporal blessings. Lay upon us, we pray Thee, no greater burthen than we are able to bear; and train us, by Thy merciful goodness and Thy tender care, for the performance of better services than we have yet rendered Thee. We pray for strength against every temptation, and for final victory over every sin. Arm us for every conflict; fit us for every duty which we have to fulfil. Enable us diligently to perform our allotted work in life; and to live in peace and love, and abound in all offices of kindness to each other.

O Lord, unite us as a Christian family together in harmony and good will; and enable us to be mindful of our mutual responsibilities and reciprocal duties. May we be partakers of the same faith, and heirs of the same hope. May our united prayers continually ascend to the throne of Thy heavenly grace, and may every needful blessing be made to rest upon us.

Hear us, we beseech Thee, in these our

humble supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Thou Great and Eternal God, Lord of all power and might, Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Author of all our mercies; we present ourselves before Thee, to thank Thee for Thy protection of us during the past night, and to implore Thy blessing upon us this day. Through Thy bountiful goodness we have been favoured with innumerable mercies, for which we offer our grateful praise; beseeching Thee to add to all our other blessings, the forgiveness of our sins, and an increase of faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, through whom alone we hope for Thy pardoning grace. We pray Thee to impress deeply on our minds the evil of sin, and a salutary conviction of our own guilt and unworthiness; that through the aid of Thy Holy Spirit we may truly repent, and amend, and serve Thee more faithfully for the time to come. Suffer not, that we who have been baptized into Christ, and taught Thy holy will, should

live in the same manner as unbelievers; but give us grace to remember our vows and promises as Thy children by adoption and grace, and to make a faithful improvement of all our covenanted privileges. May we cleave to Thee, our Father and our Redeemer, with all filial fear and love, and with full purpose of heart to do Thy will. May we strive, not only to be decorous in our outward conduct, but pure in our most secret desires and imaginations; suppressing all those high and self-exalting thoughts which are so apt to rise up within us; and constantly bearing in mind our proneness to sin and our actual sinfulness, and how entirely we owe all we are, and have, and hope for, to Thy bountiful goodness, and to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus.

We pray, that through Thy grace and Holy Spirit, we may be enabled to practise every good work; to be just and true in all our dealings; and to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. May we be humble, thankful, contented, patient; and adorn the doctrine of God

our Saviour, by the manifestation of every Christian grace and temper.

Give us strength and power, also, to maintain a constant controversy with all evil; avoiding, ourselves, every approach to it, and endeavouring, according to our opportunities and ability, to dissuade all over whom we have influence, to avoid and resist the temptations which beset them in the world. May we show ourselves to be Christians indeed, not only in profession, but in action, and in all sincerity, seriousness, sobriety and consistency of life. May we be strict and self-denying; yet kind and liberal to others, charitable, pitiful, and courteous. Give us a just and right conception of Thine abounding grace toward us, that we may ourselves abound in every work of brotherly kindness and charity. Enable us to find favour in the sight of those around us; and especially of those who are nearest and dearest to us; that so we may improve our influence for their benefit in the things of this life, and for the furtherance of their everlasting salvation.

Bless us, O Lord, in these our Christian purposes; for unto Thee, from whom alone cometh the strength to serve Thee, would we continually look up. Hear us in these our supplications; and grant us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may live this day according to these our prayers, and abound in all the fruits of faith and holiness.

We ask every needful blessing, in the name, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O God, who of Thy tender mercy toward mankind, didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ into the world to die for our sins; we beseech Thee to bestow upon us all those abundant blessings which, through Him, Thou hast provided for the children of men. Our wants are numberless; and we would, therefore, daily abound in supplication and prayer to Thee, who art the giver of every good and perfect gift. We pray Thee to grant unto us all things which Thou knowest to be needful for us: to protect us in all dangers; to guide us in all difficulties; to sustain us in all our temptations and trials; to carry us in safety through this life, and to bring us to the end of our days in peace. We pray Thee to support us with Thy heavenly grace; to increase, confirm, and strengthen our faith; to animate our hope; and to enlarge our charity.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, that for us sinners who have wandered

and gone out of the way, Thou hast provided salvation. We would resign all our affairs to Thee, our merciful God, who, having rescued our souls from destruction, and shown us the path of life, hast promised also to make all things work together for good to them who love Thee. While we trust in Thee, enable us also faithfully and diligently to obey Thee. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, may we think of these things, and do them. Fill us, O Lord, with a spirit of compassion for our fellow creatures; even as Thou hast had compassion on us. Give us hearts to deny ourselves, that we may have to give to those who need; and to be kind and liberal to others; always remembering that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We beseech Thee to give us tender consciences, that we may avoid every approach to evil, and flee from all ungodliness. Keep us, as much as is possible in this world of trial, in paths of safety. We ask not for worldly wealth, honour, and

prosperity; but we pray for a calm and peaceful spirit; for every opportunity of leading a godly life; and for such circumstances in this world as may be most free from temptation. We pray for Thy sanctifying and preserving grace, for holiness of life, and eternal salvation at the last.

Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our sins of the past day; and grant, that, before we lie down to rest, we may sincerely repent of the evil which we have done, and of our neglect of the good which we might have done. Accept our imperfect services, and hear these our humble petitions, in the name, and through the merits and mediation of our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord God Almighty, who hast made the world and all things therein; whom all Thy creatures are bound to serve; in whose favour is life, and in whose displeasure is misery insupportable; we kneel down, praying Thee to strengthen our faith in all the promises and threatenings of Thy word; that we may indeed live as those who know themselves to be frail and dying creatures, whose days pass by like shadows, and who stand on the brink of eternity.

We bless Thee for having brought life and immortality to light, through Thy gracious Gospel: that Thou hast revealed to us Thy Son, who hath died for us and risen again; hath broken the bonds of death, and hath opened unto us the gates of everlasting life. We thank Thee, for the glorious hopes held out to all believers; we would rejoice in the assurance of eternal life to all who love and serve Thee; but we would rejoice with trembling, re-

membering the condemnation which belongeth to the despisers of Thy Gospel, and to all who receive this grace of God in vain.

Grant unto us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in the things which are unseen and eternal; and turn us from the love of this vain and perishing world. May we perceive and overcome the sin which dwelleth in us, and the evil which lieth around us, and be looking forward to that blessed time when we shall put away the body of this death, and dwell forever with Thee in Thy kingdom and glory. Give us grace to follow the faith and patience of Thy saints, whose hearts were estranged from things on earth, and whose affections were set on things in heaven; who went through trials, and persecutions, and a great fight of afflictions, counting that He, whom they served, was worthy of all obedience and suffering, and was able at length to save and deliver them. O may we, who have the example of their faith, be willing to deny ourselves, and take up our cross, and follow Christ; not living an idle and care-

less life, while we call ourselves followers of them who now inherit the promises. May we daily mortify the body of sin, and daily renew the conflict with our spiritual enemies. May we be looking continually to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame; may we make His example the pattern of our conduct; so that we may participate His recompense of reward, who is set down at the right hand of the throne of God in the heavens.

We pray Thee, O our God and Saviour, that we may be so animated by our Christian faith as to contemn the world, and live above it, while we live in it; cheerfully enduring the evils of life; and submitting with patience to all Thy righteous will and dispensations. If any of us are still strangers to Thee, teach us to remember how short and uncertain are all our days on earth, and to redeem the time, at once and with all diligence: or if any of us are indolent and trifling, too much occupied with this present world, O raise our

thoughts to those things which are above, that we may attain Thy promised salvation, and be fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. And may all of us repent, and forsake our sins more and more; and give all diligence, in the obedience of faith, to make our calling and election sure; may we die daily unto sin, and rise unto newness and holiness of life; may we so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal.

We ask every needful blessing, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are over all Thy works, and who hast on this day supplied our returning wants; we render thanks to Thee for all the bounties of Thy providence; and we desire to go to our nightly rest under a deep sense of our own unworthiness, and of Thine unspeakable goodness.

We adore Thee, especially, for the gift of Jesus Christ, Thy Son; through whom alone we hope for the pardon of our sins, and the blessings of everlasting life. We confess ourselves to be sinners in Thy sight, and to have incurred Thy just condemnation; but, though our offences have abounded, we pray that Thy grace may still more abound, and that we may be enabled henceforth the more to live to Thee, and in accordance with Thy righteous will.

We lament and bewail the sins we have committed during the day which is now past. Forgive, O Lord, all our negligences, as well as our more manifold offences; our

evil thoughts, words, and works; our misspent time, and every neglected opportunity of doing good. We lament our defect of love to Thee our God, and of zeal in Thy service—and the imperfection of our charity towards those around us. Thou hast commanded us to love our neighbour as ourselves; but we seek too much our own interest; indulge our own ease; and consult our own pleasure. Help us, we pray Thee, to imitate the example of our blessed Saviour; who pleased not Himself; but went about doing good; and hath commanded us to deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Him.

We beseech Thee to bless unto us the events of this day. We would remember that all things are directed by Thine unerring wisdom; and that, according to Thy promises, they shall work together for good to them who love Thee. May the several trials which we have this day experienced, teach us more and more to know ourselves; our weakness and dependence: may every sorrow wean us more and more from this present world; and may every

enjoyment be the means of exciting our gratitude to Thee, the Author of all good. May the afflictions of others call forth our Christian sympathy; and render us abundant in the exercise of active benevolence.

We pray for Thy blessing on all our relations and friends. Guard them from evil by night and by day; and especially from whatever may hurt their souls. Establish them in Thy faith and fear and love; and make them fruitful in all good works.

[Bestow Thy especial blessing on the children of this family. Grant that they may live in Thy fear, enjoy Thy gracious favour, be diligent in Thy service, and maintain Thy cause in the world. Make them docile, reverent, and obedient. May they receive the truths taught them out of Thy holy word into an honest, teachable heart, and be ever followers of that which is good.]

May the servants of this house bear continually in mind that Thine eye is upon them; may they be faithful in all things; and live in peace and harmony one with another.

Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us; our country, and all that pertains to its welfare and prosperity. Give Thy abundant grace to the ministers of Thy word and sacraments, and further them in all their endeavours to spread abroad Thy truth, and build up and extend Thy holy church. Have pity on the poor and the afflicted; comfort the mourners; be Thou a Father to the fatherless, and the God of consolation to the widow; and dispose our hearts to make it the daily business of our lives to minister to the sorrows and wants of others, and to abound in every good work and service.

We present these our humble and imperfect supplications, in the name and through the merits of our only Mediator and Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who art gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great pity; we approach Thee as the God of all grace, imploring Thee to hear us in these our supplications, and to pardon all our sins for Jesus Christ's sake. Day after day we add to the number of our transgressions; every night we have the guilt of the preceding day to repent of; and every morning we have reason to fear lest we should again yield to temptation, and return to our former iniquities. We pray Thee, therefore, for Thy preserving and protecting grace. May Thy Holy Spirit inspire our hearts with all godly dispositions and purposes; that we, being made pure and holy in our secret thoughts, may not fail to perform all that is good and acceptable in Thy sight.

Dispose each of us on this day habitually to employ our several faculties in Thy service. While we pursue the various duties of our calling, may we have

a single eye to Thy glory; and may we undertake no employment on which we cannot hope for Thy blessing. Give us, O Lord, such a portion of Thy grace, that we may desire to do not only that which is in some degree beneficial, but that which is most excellent and most extensively useful. May no spirit of self-indulgence, no love of ease, no dread of opposition, no fear of shame, prevent us from devoting our lives heartily to Thy service. Make us willing in all respects to deny ourselves, that we may live unto Thee, in the promotion of Thy cause in the world. Teach us to enter into and adopt the spirit of those early Christian Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors, who counted not their lives dear unto themselves, so that they might finish their course with joy; who rejoiced that they were counted worthy even to suffer shame for the name of Christ; and who, living in unity and godly love, were ever striving together for the faith of the Gospel, in nothing terrified by their adversaries.

Grant unto every member of this family

Thy grace and peace, and all Thy heavenly consolations; and make us to be of one heart and one mind, praising Thee for Thy mercies, praying to Thee for Thy guidance, strength, and protection, and uniting in the confession of our daily sins before Thee, and adoring Thee for Thine unmerited goodness.

Establish us, we beseech thee, O God our Saviour, in Thy faith, fear, and love; and enlighten our minds to know Thy whole will concerning us. Where we mistake, have pity on our errors; and if we have wandered from the right way, do Thou in mercy bring us back. Lead us ever in the paths of righteousness and peace. If we have in any measure attained to the knowledge of Thy truth, may we bring our faith into active exercise. May we watch our hearts, govern our tempers, and bridle our tongues. May we be ready to forgive, even as we hope to be forgiven. May we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord.

We now commit ourselves to Thy care and protection for this day; help us to live according to these our prayers; that thus we may be preparing ourselves for Thy heavenly kingdom. We ask all for our blessed Saviour's sake, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and forevermore.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee now to deliver us from all wandering thoughts, and enable us to worship Thee in an acceptable manner, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray Thee, O God, to pardon all our sins of this day. We confess that we have not served Thee as we ought; we lament both our negligences and our sins; and we would seriously resolve, that, by Thy grace assisting us, we will endeavour continually to amend our lives, and walk more conformably to the doctrines and precepts of Thy holy word.

Pardon whatever vanity or pride we have this day indulged; whatever angry words we have uttered; and whatever sinful thoughts we have harboured in our minds. Forgive our insufficient tenderness of conscience in the discharge of our duties; and especially that deficiency of love to Thee and to our fellow creatures, which causes us to live so much to our-

selves, and to do so little either for the benefit of others, or for the promotion of Thy glory.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to give us hearts more devoted to Thee, and more dead to sin, and to the things of this world. Teach us to know how frail is our life; and how short may be the time of our sojourning here. May we lie down, night after night, as those who know not whether they may rise any more. May we daily and truly repent of our sins; and through the aid of Thy grace, bring forth all those fruits of righteousness which are to Thy praise and glory. Save us from a barren and unfruitful faith, and from mere formal, or mere emotional religion. Give us that true peace of mind which they alone possess who love Thy law; and save us from that hope of the hypocrite, which shall perish when God taketh away his soul. May we be living a life of purity and holiness, of watchfulness and prayer, of self-denial and beneficence, and of diligence in every good word and work.

[We implore Thy special protection for

the children of this family. Save them from the temptations of this vain and evil world. Watch over them during the weakness and inexperience of their youth; and prepare them for the duties to which Thy providence shall call them as they advance in life.]

Bless with us, all others who are near and dear to us; and enable us to go to our rest in charity with all men. Take us now, O Lord, under Thy care and protection for this night; both pardoning our offences, and accepting our imperfect services on the past day.

We ask every needful blessing in the name, and through the merits of our great Mediator and Intercessor, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Most Merciful and Gracious God, we approach Thy presence in all humility and godly fear, to thank Thee for Thy protection and care during the past night; and we would lift up our voice unto Thee this morning, imploring Thee to bless, preserve, and keep us this day; watching over us by Thy good Providence; putting Thy Spirit within us; and delivering us from all evil.

Prone by nature to sin; many incidents, every day, arise, to draw forth our natural corruption, which if Thy grace, O Lord, be withheld, will deceive and betray us. We, therefore, pray Thee, who knowest our infirmities, and foreseest the trials which are to come upon us, mercifully to prepare us for them; and enable us, amidst the various difficulties, temptations, and sorrows of life, to walk as the patient followers of Christ, and as the faithful servants of the Most High God.

We bless Thee, O God, for all Thy goodness to us in times past; for every trial

Thou hast lightened; for every difficulty and snare which Thou hast taken out of our way; and for every affliction which Thou hast either sanctified or removed.

We thank Thee, that we are here met together in so much peace and comfort, to offer up our morning sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving; that we are yet in the land of the living, spared monuments of Thy mercy; having time given us for repentance, and opportunity of learning and of doing Thy will. We thank Thee for all Thine unnumbered mercies; for our health and strength, and all our worldly comforts; for our friends and kind benefactors; and for all things necessary for life and happiness. We pray that each of us, in our several stations, may be instruments in Thine hand for the benefit of our fellow creatures, and, at the same time, faithful witnesses in the world of the truth and excellency of Thy Gospel.

Grant, O Lord, that this day we may walk worthy of our high and heavenly

calling, and of our great obligations to Thee. May we thankfully remember both Thy spiritual and temporal mercies, and be occupied in acts of grateful obedience to Thee. May we think, with believing hearts, of our Saviour who died for us, and who is now at Thy right hand, ever making intercession for us. May we be mindful of our Christian profession, and our covenant obligations as baptized into Christ, and made Thy children by adoption and grace. May we walk as children of the light; die daily unto sin, and live unto righteousness; and as He who hath called us is holy, so may we also be holy in all holy conversation and godliness.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to continue Thy gracious protection to us this day; save us from the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and from the temptations which beset our way; and grant that we may faithfully follow Him whose name we bear; have hope in His mercy; and at length enter into His glory.

These, our imperfect supplications, we offer in the name and through the merits

and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Everlasting God, in whose favour is life, and in whose presence there are joys for evermore; whom angels and archangels and all the company of heaven continually adore; we, who are not worthy to take Thy name on our lips, whose foundation is in the dust, whose very nature is unholy, and whose daily and hourly transgressions testify against us, desire, nevertheless, to unite with all the heavenly host, in blessing, praising, and magnifying Thy holy name; at the same time, implroring that the light of Thy reconciled countenance may shine upon us; and that we may be pardoned and accepted in Thy sight, through Thy beloved Son.

O God, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thy name, that Thou hast not left us in our low estate; but hast sent salvation to us. We adore Thee for Thine infinite love and mercy, that Thou hast not spared Thine only begotten Son, but hast freely given Him up for us all; that this

Lamb of God hath been slain, and His precious blood hath been shed, an atoning sacrifice, for the sins of the world; and that God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing our trespasses unto us.

We lament, O Lord, that during the past week, our love to Thee who hast done such great things for us, has been so feeble and cold: that earthly things have too much carried away our thoughts; that sin has so much had dominion over us; and that the knowledge of the Gospel of our salvation, hath had so little influence in keeping us humble and thankful, spiritually and heavenly minded, patient and meek under the trials of life, and earnest, diligent, and active in well doing. We implore Thy forgiveness for all our negligences, imperfections, and short comings; and we pray Thee to endue us with grace and strength to serve Thee more faithfully in all time to come.

We now beseech Thee to bless unto us the approaching Lord's Day; may it be to us indeed a day of holy rest, and of spirit-

ual edification. May our hearts be warmed with love to Thee. May our prayers and our praises ascend with acceptance to the throne of Thy heavenly grace. May heavenly things occupy our minds; and may the world lessen in our esteem, and its toils and cares be not suffered to obtrude and impair our devotions, and interrupt us in our worship in Thy sacred courts.

O God, we lament with shame and sorrow before Thee, that we have so little profited by the means of grace which Thou hast afforded us in Thy holy Church, and in its ministrations; that we have so little improved our time and talents; have so little honoured Thee by our lives, or advanced in true holiness. Day after day we purpose to amend our lives, repent of all our past sins, and forsake them henceforth; but our treacherous hearts too soon again return to the world; and our temptations again come upon us and overpower us. We pray to Thee, therefore, O God of all power and might, to succour and defend us; and to give us grace and strength to resist our weakness, and to serve Thee

more faithfully and acceptably. Thy face, O Lord, would we seek; on Thee do we humbly wait; beseeching Thee to deliver us from the power and dominion of our sins, and to make Thy strength perfect in our weakness.

Make us, henceforth, more conscious of our entire dependence upon Thee; and of our infinite obligations to Thee; more fervent in prayer; more constant in watching over our treacherous hearts; that so, obtaining from Thee the efficient help of Thy Holy Spirit, we may be established in Thy most holy ways; and be carried safely through all the trials and dangers of this mortal life; till at length we are permitted to enter into that rest which remaineth unto the people of God, and dwell forever with Christ our Lord, in His heavenly kingdom.

We offer up these our imperfect prayers, in the name, and through the infinite and all-prevailing merits of Him, our gracious Mediator and Intercessor.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Fourth Week.

SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst in the beginning create the heavens and the earth; who rulest the world by Thy Providence, and orderest all the affairs of men; who hast made us what we are, and hast appointed the time and place of our existence; we bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life.

We adore Thee, also, that Thou hast made Thyself known unto us, both by the works of Thy hand, and by the express revelation of Thy word;—that while the heavens declare Thy glory, and the firmament showeth Thy power, Thine only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hath descended from heaven, and hath revealed to us Thy grace and mercy. We rejoice that Thy power, Thy greatness, and the excellency of Thy wisdom, have been made known unto us, and also Thine unspeakable goodness and love to the

creatures whom Thou hast made. We adore Thee for all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge which are in Christ Jesus; especially for the proffered pardon of our sins through faith in His name, and for the hope, which, through Him, is laid up for us in heaven.

We lament, O Lord, that we have not requited Thee as we ought for the greatness and multitude of Thy mercies; that we have too much walked after the way of our own hearts, and too much forgotten Thine exceeding grace and goodness. We acknowledge our offences against Thee with unfeigned sorrow and contrition of heart. We confess our thoughtlessness of Thee, our coldness and indifference in Thy service; our worldliness, pride, ambition, and covetousness; our irritable tempers and angry passions; our indolence and negligence; the sins of our tongues; and the secret sins of our thoughts and hearts. Pardon, O Lord, all our iniquities, which are great, for the sake of the blessed Saviour, in whom Thou hast invited and encouraged us to trust; and while we ex-

ercise such faith, may we condemn ourselves for all our transgressions, and resolve and endeavour to forsake them, and to walk henceforth in newness of life.

O God, strengthen us, we pray Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not fall again under the power of our temptations, but that all our ways and doings may be pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight. Grant that we, who are hearers of Thy word, may also always be doers of it; lest we fall into greater condemnation. May we bear in mind the awful punishment denounced against the ungodly, as well as the glorious recompense of reward promised to those who seek it by patient continuance in well doing. May we, therefore, lay aside every weight, and the sins which do most easily beset us, and run with patience and fidelity the race which is set before us. May we put on the whole armour of God; and fight manfully under the banner of the cross against the world, the flesh, and the devil; remembering for our encouragement, that to him that overcometh Thou wilt give the crown of life.

Grant us grace to approach Thy sanctuary this day with reverence and godly fear, and to join in the worship of Thy Church with devout and holy affections. Bless unto us also the reading and preaching of Thy word; may its truths sink deep into all our hearts; and make us anxious to please Thee, and mindful of our latter end. And whensoever we come to die, may no terrors dismay us; but may we have so repented of our sins while in health and strength, and so obeyed Thy Gospel, that, trusting in Him who hath died for us, we may yield up our departing spirit unto God who gave it, in sure and certain hope of a resurrection unto eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, who hast encouraged and commanded us in Thy word, to make known our wants, and confess our sins unto Thee; we approach in all humility and reverence the throne of Thy grace, deeply sensible of our manifold necessities, and imploring Thy forgiving mercy.

Have compassion upon us, we beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ; for whom, as the one great Mediator between God and man, we bless Thee; and through whom alone we hope for the acceptance of our prayers, and for all things necessary, both for the body and the soul. We acknowledge with shame and contrition of heart, that we have sinned grievously against Thee. We have trespassed in thought, word, and deed; we have left undone that which we ought to have done; we have done that which we ought not to have done; and there is no

health in us. We cannot tell how oft we have offended: O cleanse Thou us from our secret faults. Teach us to know ourselves; that realizing our great unworthiness, we may more earnestly seek, and entirely rely on Thy grace in Christ Jesus.

We would especially lament the sins and negligences of the past week. We profess, day by day, to amend our lives; yet we too often leave a great part of our duty unperformed; we yield to indolence and negligence; to selfishness and worldliness; to evil tempers; and to the sins which do most easily beset us; and our daily repentance is imperfect and incomplete. We acknowledge, with deep contrition of soul, the guilt we have incurred; and we pray for remission of our sins through the Lord and Saviour in whom Thou hast taught and encouraged us to hope.

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the manifold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may be enabled to advance in our Christian course, and prevail over all our

spiritual enemies. Save us from the power and dominion of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Give us strength to fight efficiently under the banner of the cross, and in dependence on the mighty power of Christ our Lord; that we may come off more than conquerors through Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us. May we steadfastly resist every temptation; be habitually fearful of sinning against Thee; watchful, circumspect, and diligent in every good work.

We beseech Thee to accept the worship we have offered unto Thee this day, in the courts of Thine house, and make it edifying and encouraging to our souls. Grant Thy blessing to the words which we have heard; that they may be grafted inwardly in all our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruit of good living. May our faith be increased, strengthened, and confirmed by every religious exercise in which we have engaged; may the appointed means of grace in Thy church in which we have participated, be abundantly blessed to our furtherance in the ways and

works of godliness; and may each returning Lord's Day, with which we are favoured here on earth, prepare us for an eternal Sabbath, in Thine immediate presence in heaven.

Give success to every endeavour which has been made on this day to bring sinners to repentance, and to build up Thy obedient servants in their most holy faith. O let Thy name be known in all the earth, and Thy saving health among all nations. May they who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death behold the Sun of Righteousness arise upon them with healing in His wings; and may Thy name and word be glorified in all the earth.

We pray for all the divinely appointed ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries. Do Thou, O Lord, enlighten and strengthen them for their arduous work. Make them faithful dispensers of Thy word and sacraments, and able ministers of the new testament. May they teach not only by precept, but by example; that so they may lead the people committed to their

charge safely forward in the way of everlasting light.

Have mercy on the land in which we live. Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us. Inspire them with integrity, and the people whom they govern with the spirit of obedience. Have pity on the poor and the afflicted. Bestow Thy blessing on the rising generation; may they be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and advance not only in useful knowledge, but in all virtue and godliness of living.

Finally, we pray for our dear relations, and for all our Christian friends. Being united in the bonds of Christian love, may we all seek each other's welfare; bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. May those who are strong have grace to bear with the infirmities of the weak; and may we severally minister to each other's necessities, according to our opportunity and ability.

We present these our imperfect supplications, in reliance on the alone merits and

worthiness of our blessed Mediator and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Almighty and Eternal God, our Creator, Preserver, and continual Benefactor, we thank Thee for all Thy past mercies; and beseech Thee to bestow upon us Thy grace and blessing for the days that are to come. Conduct us by Thy merciful Providence in our passage through this life; defend us amidst the many dangers that beset our path; save us from every trial which we are too weak to endure; and so order all the circumstances which befal us, that we may not be overpowered with difficulties, nor overwhelmed with temptations.

Preserve us, O Lord, from day to day, and from year to year. Endue us with an hatred of sin and a love of holiness; and give us grace to avoid those associations and employments which would estrange our hearts from Thee. May our eyes be opened to discern the wickedness around us; and may we carefully abstain from all affiliation with the principles, and from all conformity to the sinful habits and cus-

toms of this evil world. Amid our many hindrances in leading a truly Christian life; our temptations from without and from within; and the yet untried scenes through which we may, each of us, have to pass; we look to Thee, O Lord, for help and succour. On Thee alone, O Lord, do we depend; to Thee do we lift up our daily prayer for grace, to keep and preserve us in the paths of righteousness, so that we may end our days in peace.

Grant unto us, O Lord, this day, Thy Holy Spirit in all His manifold gifts and hallowed influences. Keep alive in our souls the sense of spiritual things. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that we may think those things that are good; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, that we may perform the same; the spirit of holy, filial fear of Thee, that we may serve Thee with reverence, and worship Thee who art a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. O confirm us by Thy Spirit, in our weakness and helplessness; bring us back by the same when we go astray; let Thy grace prevent us from falling by

its power, and let Thy mercy lift us up when we are fallen; govern our senses, inspire our thoughts, guard our words, direct all our actions to Thy glory, and keep us always safe from both our visible and invisible enemies.

May the solemn worship of Thy sanctuary, and the edifying services of the Church on Thy holy day of rest, be felt by us in all their power and influence through the week. May Thy word read and preached be duly and permanently impressed on our minds; may the knowledge of Thy will which we then learned, preserve us all in the ways of holiness, and enable us to walk before Thee uprightly, in the midst and despite the snares of an ungodly world.

Enable us, O Lord, to walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, throughout the day which is now before us. May we be obedient to Thy will, submissive to Thy providence, and ever thankful for Thy mercies.

Hear us, O Lord, and answer these our supplications and prayers; forgive us our

numberless transgressions; and accept our imperfect services, for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Eternal God, Father of men and angels, who hath established the heavens and the earth in a wonderful order, causing day and night to succeed each other; we humbly present ourselves before Thy Divine Majesty, imploring Thy merciful care and protection this night, and for all the days of our appointed time on earth.

O Lord, we approach the throne of Thy grace in all humility, contrition, and self-abasement, acknowledging and bewailing our manifold transgressions. Pardon, we beseech Thee, all our offences; the vanity and impiety of our thoughts, our light, trifling, and rash words, our unjust and unkind actions, and whatever we have done amiss this day, or at any time before. O God, our souls are troubled through the remembrance of our transgressions, and are daily exposed, through the frailty and sinfulness of our nature, to every new temptation, which of ourselves we are unable to resist. We pray Thee, to give us such

a portion of Thy grace, as may be sufficient and effectual for the mortification of all our corrupt and sinful propensities; that as we have formerly served the lusts of the flesh, so now we may give up ourselves to Thy service and the duties of our Christian calling.

Enable us to walk always in Thy presence; and inspire our souls with such love to Thee and zeal for Thy service, that it may be the employment of our lives to root out all evil habits, and to promote Thy glory; so that in holiness of life we may patiently wait for the coming of the Lord.

We beseech Thee, O God, to send down Thy blessing on all our relatives and friends. Bless them in their persons, in their families, and in all their undertakings; and dispose them to advance Thy honour, promote Thy cause in the world, and live to Thy glory.

[Be Thou a Father and a friend to the children of this family. Let Thy Providence lead them in safety through the dangers, temptations, and ignorances of

their youth; that they may not run into folly, nor give way to any unbridled appetite. Be Thou pleased so to order the events of their lives, that by judicious religious training, by prudent counsel, and by Thy restraining grace, they may be brought up to serve Thee, in the midst of an evil generation; and after an useful and holy life, may come to a peaceful and happy death; and enter on the promised inheritance of the faithful in the glories of Thy heavenly kingdom.]

Look down with an eye of favour on Thy Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; inspire its members everywhere with true faith, devout affections, and holy zeal; and enable them in all things to walk worthy of their high and holy calling. Have compassion on Thy afflicted servants. Grant unto them increase of faith, patience, and hope; and in Thy good time give them a happy deliverance.

O Thou, who willest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; have pity on the multitudes who walk not in obe-

dience of Thy commandments. Turn them from their evil ways, that their souls may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ. Support also the weak; establish the doubtful and wavering; succour the tempted; raise up those who are fallen; and teach us all to have compassion on the infirmities of our brethren, and to walk charitably one towards another.

Into Thine hands, our Father and our Redeemer, we now commend ourselves for the coming night. So bless and sanctify our sleep to us, that it may be a refreshment to our wearied bodies; and enable us the better to serve Thee on the ensuing day, shouldest Thou in Thy great goodness permit us to see its dawn. Whether we wake or sleep, live or die, may we be Thy true and faithful and accepted servants.

Hear, O Lord, these and all our prayers, for the sake of Thine only Son Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O Lord God Almighty, whose dependent creatures we are, and whom we daily profess to serve; accept our thanksgiving and praise for Thy care and protection during the past night, and bestow upon us Thy grace, that we may yield up to Thee our hearts, and place our delight in acts of obedience of Thee. So strengthen our faith, and animate us with Thy continual love, that we may be enabled to triumph over those temptations to which we are so continually exposed. Impart unto us Thy Holy Spirit in all His manifold gifts and influences; turn us from the love of sin, if we are in any measure inclining to it; and endue us with such an ardent desire to please Thee, that we may be diligently employing our time and talents in Thy service. We humbly acknowledge Thine entire right over us; that we are bound to honour Thee by all we do, and to seek Thy glory.

We thank Thee, O Lord, that, besides

our obligations as creatures, Thou hast added the most affecting motives to win us to obedience. We are not our own; we are bought with a price; even the precious blood of Thy dear Son, who hath died to save us; who hath suffered for us on the cross, that we might be free; who hath given His life a ransom for us; that He might constrain us, by the greatness of His love, to give up ourselves and all our powers and faculties to Him. Grant that we may live in daily remembrance of what our Saviour hath done for us; and show our sense of our obligations to Him, by the habitual readiness of our minds to do and suffer all things appointed for us, or required of us, in the position and circumstances in which we are placed, in pursuing our Christian calling and course.

Enable us, O Lord, this day to deny ourselves, and repress our natural selfishness, that we may live the more unto Thee. As the redeemed of the Lord, may we abstain from sin, and flee from every snare. May we be holy in all manner of conversation; duly impressed with a sense of Thy

holiness, knowing that we are called to become pure in heart, if we hope to see God. Help us to contend with the iniquity of the world around us: yielding not to its example and influence. May we account ourselves as pilgrims and strangers on the earth, passing on to a better country, that is an heavenly; striving earnestly to escape from the snares which now surround us; working out, each one, our own salvation with fear and trembling; giving all diligence, by the increasing integrity of our lives and conduct, to make our calling and election sure; and to be doing good continually more and more, with the talents committed to us, and the opportunities afforded us. May we thus pass the day which is now before us, and all our future days on earth; and, when the hour of our departure shall come, may we then have abundant and consoling evidence, that we have walked by faith, and not by sight; and the joyful hope that we shall be numbered with Thy chosen people, in glory everlasting.

We now commend ourselves, and all our

relations and friends, to Thy providential and spiritual care and protection during the day on which we have again entered. May Thy presence go with us, in all our occupations and employments, and Thy blessing rest upon us. We ask for all, in the name, and through the alone merits of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND EVER BLESSED GOD AND FATHER, who preservest our lives, sustainest our health and strength, and multipliest our comforts and enjoyments; we offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for the mercies we have experienced since we were last met together to worship Thy holy Name. O Lord, who art the Author of all good; without whom we are utterly weak, helpless and miserable, continue to us, we beseech Thee, Thy gracious care and protection; and preserve us this night, both in body and soul, from every evil.

We beseech Thee, especially, to grant unto us all the pardon of our sins, and an humble and cheerful confidence in Thy favour, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us peace through faith in His precious blood of atonement; and being thus reconciled to Thee our offended God and Father, may we also be in charity with all

men. Take from us all tormenting fears of Thy wrath. Enable us to subdue every evil disposition, every angry passion, and every corrupt affection. Deliver us from the cares and anxieties which are too apt to distress our minds. Endue us with a firm trust in Thy gracious Providence. May we ever commit ourselves and all our concerns to Thee, as to a wise and faithful Creator, and a Father and Friend in Christ.

Bless us, we pray Thee, to the end of our lives. Support us in all our future trials; guide us in all our difficulties; strengthen us for the several duties of our stations; sustain us in sorrow, sickness, and adversity; and, whenever the labours and conflicts of this mortal life shall have ceased, receive us into the promised haven of everlasting rest and peace.

We beseech Thee, to bless our relations and friends with Thine abundant blessings, temporal and spiritual. Deliver them from all the dangers and sorrows of this evil world; save them, especially, from sin; unite them with us in the bonds of a

common faith; and make us all members of the same blessed family above.

[Have compassion on the children of this household; fill them with the knowledge of Thy will; and give them grace to keep and perform the vows and promises of their Baptism, and to serve Thee, without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.]

Bless the President of the United States and all who are in authority over us. Direct the councils of this nation to the promotion of the best interests of the country. Inspire our clergy with the spirit of true religion, and make them faithful and zealous in the discharge of their sacred duties. Give to the poor contentment with their lot; and to the rich a spirit of compassion and benevolence. Extend Thy goodness to all mankind. Put an end to war and discord; to vice, wickedness, and superstition; and send Thy glorious Gospel over the whole earth, to enlighten those who still sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death.

These our prayers and supplications, we

would humbly present, with one heart and one mind, at the throne of Thy heavenly grace; beseeching Thee to hear and answer them, according to the riches of Thy mercy in Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, unto whom all hearts are open, and from whom no secrets are hid; we beseech Thee to look down in mercy on us Thy servants; who desire now, with true humility of soul, to offer up unto Thee our prayers, supplications, and thanksgivings.

We thank Thee for Thy merciful protection during the past night: and we adore that goodness which hath hitherto supplied our wants, lightened our troubles, preserved our lives in the midst of so many and great dangers; and hath caused us to lie down and rise up in peace and safety.

We pray Thee to preserve us this day from all evil. Save us from all things which can afflict the body, and especially from whatsoever can hurt the soul. May we go forth in Thy strength, to contend against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and to fulfil the various duties of our Christian calling. Save us from the sins

which most easily beset us. Preserve us from idleness and negligence, and from a careless and unprofitable life. Grant unto us such knowledge of Thee and of Thy grace and goodness, that we may love Thee above all things, and give ourselves earnestly to obey the precepts of Thy word. Teach us to redeem the time; to be watchful and circumspect; and to abstain from all appearance of evil. Enable us to be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and to be never weary in well doing: and to be careful, lest through some sinful indulgence, or inconsistent conduct, we draw others into sin, and cause the religion we profess to be evil spoken of.

Help us, O Lord, seriously to consider the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and the nearness of death and eternity: that whatsoever our hands find to do, we may do with all our might. May we ever have our loins girded and our lamps burning, and be as servants who wait for their Lord; remembering, that blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.

And grant, O most merciful God, that when at length we shall stand before Thy throne, to give account to Him who is the Judge of quick and dead, we may give that account with joy and not with grief, and hear the joyful sentence, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;" and may we then enter on the promised inheritance of the saints in light.

We beseech Thee to bless all our relations and friends with such good things as they may severally need. Pardon their sins; supply their temporal as well as spiritual wants; and conduct them safely through all the temptations and dangers of this evil world, to the land of everlasting rest and peace.

Have mercy on all for whom we are bound to pray; succour the tempted; comfort the mourners; sustain those who are bowed down with age or infirmity, and are drawing near to the hour of their dissolution. Have pity on all Thine afflicted servants; and enable them to believe, that

whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth; and to realize that through much tribulation they shall enter into Thine heavenly kingdom. Give unto each of us grace to feel for the various wants of others, and, according to our ability and opportunity, to minister liberally to their relief.

We offer up these, our humble and imperfect prayers, in the name and through the mediation of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hearest the prayers of all who devoutly call upon Thy name; we kneel down as humble suppliants before Thee this night; imploring Thee to take us under Thy gracious protection; and to pardon all the sins we may have committed against Thee, during the past day.

Impress upon us, we beseech Thee, a deep and realizing sense of the importance of eternal things; and teach us, through the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, to prize the proffered salvation of the Gospel as our highest good; and to strive earnestly and unceasingly to obtain and secure the priceless blessing. May we be ever mindful of our mortality; and live each day as if it might be our last. May we never forget that one thing is needful; and may we, comparatively, despise all the things of this world, and set our affections upon, and devote our efforts to the attainment of,

that better part which can never be taken from us.

Pour out upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind. Deliver us from every error by which we may be in danger of being deceived. Convince us of the evil which hath been hidden in our hearts; and of the many sins of our lives. Give us deep repentance for them all; and grant us such a lively faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be comforted by the hope of His pardoning mercy, and encouraged to pursue our Christian course with increased diligence and fidelity.

We would also implore Thee, as the God of providence, to suit Thy several dispensations towards us to our several cases and necessities. Order for us, we beseech Thee, such circumstances in life, such measures of health and enjoyment, such opportunities of learning Thy will, as may most effectually tend to promote the edification and salvation of our souls. May Thy Holy Spirit dwell within us, and may we cherish His sanctifying and restraining influences.

May all things that befall us be ordered by Thee for our good; and may we adore Thine hand, both in Thy chastisements and in Thy mercies; and be enabled always to say, "It is the Lord that giveth and the Lord that taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We commit ourselves to Thy merciful protection for this night; and we desire to lie down at peace with Thee, and in perfect charity with all men.

And now, O Lord, if we have this day misspent our time, or have forgotten Thee, or have in anywise sinned against Thee, we earnestly implore Thy pardoning grace in Jesus Christ; through whose merits and mediation alone we present these and all our supplications and prayers.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, through whose providential goodness we are permitted to see the light of another day; accept our morning sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise; and grant us grace to devote the lives which Thou lengthenest to Thy service.

Assist us, this day, in all the duties to which we shall be called; and direct us to those employments which shall be most fitting for us. O Thou, who hast appointed unto every man his work in life, help us to be faithful and diligent in our several callings, cheerful and contented with our lot; and, amidst all our earthly occupations, mindful of another and better world. Deliver us from all those cares and anxieties by which we are too apt to be disturbed; teach us moderation in our temporal enjoyments; and enable us to fix our affections and desires chiefly on those spiritual blessings which bring peace and comfort to the soul. Grant unto us the pardon of our

sins, and a true and influential faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Enable us to lay hold on the exceeding great and precious promises of Thy holy word; and to delight ourselves with the sense of Thy favour here, and with the hope of eternal life hereafter. Make all things, whether prosperous or adverse, to work together for our good. Be Thou pleased so to order the events of our lives, as may most promote our spiritual welfare, and give us occasion to praise Thee for all Thy dispensations towards us; that, being thus guided by Thy providence, and sanctified by Thy Spirit, we may at length attain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

We pray also, for our relations and friends, that Thy goodness may abound towards them. Pardon their trespasses and sins; and make them partakers of Thy proffered mercy in Christ our Lord. Lead them in safety through their various temptations and trials; make them happy in themselves, and blessings to us and to all around them.

Have compassion on the sons and daugh-

ters of affliction; sanctify to them all their troubles in this life; and enable them, amid all their worldly tribulations, to hold fast their integrity, and rejoice in a sense of Thy love and favour.

Bless the rising generation; and may there never be wanting in this land a seed to serve Thee, and glorify Thy name.

[We pray, especially, that the children of this family may be brought up in Thy faith, fear, and love. Make them ever practically mindful of their covenant obligations, the vows and promises of their baptism; and endue them with Thy heavenly grace. Grant that they may be docile, reverent, and obedient. Save them from the snares of this evil world; strengthen, stablish, settle them in the principles of their most holy faith; and, after a life full of good works, give them an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom.]

Continue, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy gracious protection to us throughout this day; defend us from all dangers and adversities; and dispose us, through the agency of Thy Holy Spirit, to do our duty

in that state of life into which Thou hast been pleased to call us.

We present these our imperfect prayers, in the name, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, the sovereign disposer of all events, and Lord over all Thy creatures; great in power, infinite in wisdom, in justice, in goodness, and in mercy; we Thine intelligent creatures, whom Thine hand hath made, and Thy continual power upholds, kneel down in humble adoration of Thy Divine Majesty; imploring Thee to have compassion upon us, pardoning our manifold transgressions, and receiving us into Thy favour, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Saviour.

We humbly confess before Thee the sins of another day, and we desire to do it with humble, broken, and contrite hearts. O Lord, we acknowledge our guilt in every neglect of the duties of the day; in every evil temper which we have indulged; and in every sinful thought and imagination we have cherished. We lament our forgetfulness that we are Thy dependent creatures, accountable to Thee for all we think,

and say, and do; seen by Thine all-seeing eye, wheresoever we are; and bound by the strongest obligations of gratitude for Thine unceasing goodness, to fulfil Thy will, and live to Thy glory.

We thank Thee for Thy patience and forbearance, notwithstanding our many sins, negligences, and ignorances: that though we continually offend against Thee, Thou still waitest to be gracious; and though we have been so insensible to the calls of Thy Providence, and to the invitations of the Gospel of Thy grace, Thou hast not cast us off; but favourest us day by day with the means of grace, in the ministrations of Thy holy Church, and in social and family worship.

We pray Thee, O Lord, for Christ's sake, to have mercy upon us; to fill our hearts with a deep sense of Thy goodness, and to teach us how to serve Thee henceforth in a more acceptable manner; that so we may enjoy the light of Thy countenance, and Thy blessings may descend and remain upon us. Help us to be faithful in all the duties of life to which Thou hast called us.

May the heads of this family remember their responsibilities to those dependent upon them, and to Thee, their Master in heaven. May the domestics of this household be faithful and diligent. May we who are parents be careful to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and may our children be dutiful and obedient, docile and reverent, and walk in all the ways and works of godliness. May we, as citizens, honour and obey the civil authority, knowing that the powers that be are ordained of God, and are His ministers for good. May we, as members of the same family, remember how blessed a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity, and learn to live more and more in love and peace, one with the other. May we exercise towards each other all patience, brotherly kindness, and charity; and endeavour to preserve the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Pardon, O Lord, the sins and negligences of the past day; and enable us to amend our ways and our doings, and adorn

the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. We would lie down in Thy fear; and, in the morning, again seek Thy favour; ever remembering that Thou, our God and Saviour, art with us by night and by day; and that Thou alone causest us to dwell in safety.

These, our supplications and prayers, we humbly present to Thy Divine Majesty, trusting for their acceptance through the alone merits of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty and Ever Blessed God, who art the Father of all the families of the earth, and the ever present helper of those who put their trust in Thee; who hast sustained us amidst the weakness of infancy, hast guided us in youth, and preserved us during our advancing years; who hast united us in one household, supplied our wants, and abundantly provided, as well for our bodies as for our souls; who hast delivered us from some of the temptations and sorrows to which others are exposed; and hast permitted us to lie down and rise up in peace and safety; we humbly thank Thee for the mercies of the past night, and acknowledge that it is of Thy power and goodness alone that we are preserved from day to day. O Lord, protect us this day from all evil. Go forth with us, we beseech thee, in our several occupations and employments; enable us to discharge the duties of our respective

stations with fidelity, and to do all things in Thy fear, and to Thy glory.

Impart unto us the guidance and strength of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may in no wise depart from Thee, nor forget any of Thy commandments. May we serve Thee with humble, patient, and quiet minds; and may our love abound toward Thee, and toward all men. Deliver us from those corrupt affections and evil tempers to which our natures are so prone; and from all those sinful lusts and passions which war against the soul. May we grow in grace and goodness; and prevail, more and more, over the temptations by which we have formerly been overcome. May we lay aside every weight, and the sins which have most easily beset us; run more steadfastly in the race that is set before us; looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith; and pressing toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Him. May we be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; faithful even unto death; knowing that, in due time, we shall reap

if we faint not; that our labour shall not be in vain in the Lord; and that our recompense will be the crown of everlasting life.

We pray for Thy special blessing on the employments in which we shall this day engage. May we undertake nothing which is contrary to Thy will; and may our honest endeavours be crowned by Thee with success. Without Thee we can do nothing; without the concurrence of Thy providence, we can fulfil no purpose of our minds; and without the aid of Thy heavenly grace we can do nothing spiritually good; may we remember this, and ever lift up our eyes to Thee for guidance, direction, and sustaining strength and succour.

Bless, O Lord, every member of this family. May those who rule, and those who serve, know the duties of their several stations, and faithfully discharge them; maintain always a conscience void of offence; and never forget Thee our God and Saviour, nor be indifferent to the great and glorious hope which Thou hast set before

us in the Gospel. Grant that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may, each of us, glorify Thy holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

We beseech Thee to bless, with every needful blessing, all our relations and friends. Pity the poor and the afflicted. Give peace to those who are troubled in mind; and supply the various wants of all Thy creatures.

We ask all these blessings in the name, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Almighty God, Creator of all things, in whose hands are life and death, glory be to Thee for all Thy mercies. We thank Thee for Thy preservation of us during the past day; and for the many bounties of Thy providence. Pardon, O most merciful God, all the offences which we have committed against Thee; and our negligence of those duties which Thou hast required. Have mercy on our souls for Jesus Christ's sake; and vouchsafe unto us the comforts and the aid of Thy Holy Spirit.

Enable us, O Lord, to pass our future time on earth in Thy fear, and to Thy glory. Save us from the power of temptations, and of our own natural corruption; and deliver us from all our spiritual enemies. O Thou, in whose hand are the wills and affections of men, kindle in us, we pray Thee, all holy desires; and repress our sinful and corrupt imaginations. Dispose us to love Thy commandments,

and to desire that which Thou hast promised; strengthen and establish us in every good work; and grant that, by Thy constant help and protection, we may so pass through things temporal, as finally not to lose the things eternal.

O merciful Father, grant that, amidst the hopes and fears, the pleasures and sorrows, the dangers and deliverances, and all the various changes of this mortal life, our hearts may be surely fixed on those joys which are eternal. Do Thou continually direct and bless us; giving us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and confidence in Thy mercy, and in the world to come life everlasting.

We pray, O Lord, for all our relations and friends; guard them from evil by night and by day; support, comfort, and assist them according to their several necessities; and bring them finally to eternal happiness in Thy heavenly kingdom. Have mercy on the young; may they remember Thee their Creator in the days of their youth; and be ever mindful of their covenant obligations as Thy children by

adoption and grace, and of all the duties devolved on them by their baptism into Christ. May they be trained up in Thy nurture and admonition, and learn to do Thy will, and to walk in Thy fear all the days of their lives.

We commend unto Thee the President of the United States, and all who are in authority over us. Bless all the ministers of Thy word and sacraments; endue them with the true spirit of their sacred office; and make them faithful and zealous in the discharge of their holy functions. Pity the sorrows of the afflicted; and supply the various wants of all Thy intelligent creatures. Be gracious to our benefactors; forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and teach us to exercise brotherly kindness and charity toward all men.

Take us now, O Lord, under Thy gracious protection; defend us from all the dangers of this night; and prepare us, if it please Thee, by the refreshment of rest and sleep, for the duties which Thy providence shall, on the ensuing day, appoint for us.

Accept, O Lord, these our humble and imperfect supplications, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we approach Thee to offer our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for Thy care and protection during the past night; and we beseech Thee to pour down Thy blessing on us Thy servants, who are now assembled to worship Thy holy name.

Thou art infinitely great and glorious; before whom the angels veil their faces; and in whose sight the heavens are not pure. We are weak and helpless; sinful and corrupt; exposed to dangers on every side, and in continual need of Thy gracious assistance. Preserve us, O Lord, through this day from every peril. By Thee we have been protected during the night; continue to us Thy wonted care; and guard, we pray Thee, our bodies and our souls from every kind of evil.

Enable each of us, O Lord, in entering again on the duties of our several callings, to be faithful and diligent in them; as those who must hereafter give account of

the things done in the body, to Him who is the Judge of quick and dead.

We would remember, that Thine omniscient eye seeth us wheresoever we are; and discerneth even our inmost thoughts and desires. We pray Thee that all our most secret purposes and ways may be pleasing unto Thee, O Thou searcher of hearts! May we not attempt to deceive ourselves or those around us, by the mere appearance of goodness, while our hearts are far from Thee; but may we be faithful and upright in all our doings, and have the testimony of our consciences, that in simplicity and godly sincerity we have our conversation in the world.

Give us grace to overcome our sinful appetites and passions; to mortify our pride, and subdue our natural selfishness; and to bring every member of our bodies, and every faculty of our souls, into captivity to the law of Christ. May we put away all hatred and variance; all anger and strife, all malice and evil-speaking; and may this day be a day of harmony and peace to every member of this family;

that so, when we assemble again to worship Thee at night, our prayers may be accepted as the offering of those who dwell together in love.

We pray Thee, O Lord, who orderest all things for us, to bless the events which shall befall us on this day. Sanctify to us our prosperity and our adversity; our sickness and our health; our daily comforts and enjoyments, as well as our anxieties and disappointments. Purify our hearts more and more, by the various dispensations of Thy providence; and fit us, by the several vicissitudes of this mortal state, for our great and final change.

We offer unto Thee our grateful thanks for Thy past mercies. Thou hast sustained us in our infancy; hast guided us in our youth; and hast preserved us during our advancing years. Thou hast often raised us when we have been brought low; hast succoured us in trouble; hast delivered us in sickness and sorrow; and healed all our infirmities. While others have fallen, we have been kept alive. Day after day we remain monuments of

Thy mercy; and comforts surround us on every side. We bless Thy name, O Lord, for what is past; and we pray that the remembrance of Thy goodness may lead us to repentance, and may make us careful to walk according to Thy will, for the days which are yet to come. Pardon our manifold transgressions; and grant us perfect remission of all our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

We beseech Thee, our Father and our Redeemer, to bestow Thine abundant blessings on all our relations and friends. Thou hast encouraged and commanded us to intercede for one another; we desire, therefore, most earnestly to commend to Thy fatherly care all those whom it is our duty to remember in our prayers. Be merciful to those who have at any time shown us mercy. Pity the poor and the afflicted; strengthen the weak; and comfort the desponding.

Have mercy on the rising generation. Save them from the follies and ignorances

of their youth; guide them in the ways of righteousness; and raise them up to be a seed to serve Thee, when we shall be gathered to our fathers.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers and intercessions, for the sake of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Almighty and Most Merciful God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; we approach Thy presence in all humility and reverence; and beseech Thee to look graciously upon us Thy servants, who are here assembled to worship Thy holy name.

We thank Thee for Thy daily goodness towards us; that Thou hast made us to abound with the comforts of this life; and hast delivered us out of the many dangers to which we have been exposed. We bless Thee for the opportunities of religious knowledge which Thou hast given us; and for the glorious hope of everlasting life which Thou hast set before us; for the continual guidance of Thy providence; for all the mercies and blessings of the past day; and that we are brought in safety and peace to the conclusion of another week.

We desire, O Lord, humbly to confess

our manifold sins and trespasses against Thee. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have too often wandered from the right path, through our ignorance and folly; our pride and vanity; our selfish and worldly desires; our blindness, prejudice, and hardness of heart. Too often have we called evil good, and good evil; and shut our eyes against the truth. Pardon, we beseech Thee, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, these, and all our transgressions; and make us to be, henceforth, more watchful and circumspect, more faithful and upright, more earnest to know our duty, and more diligent in its performance.

Save us from a life of sloth and unprofitableness. May we remember that Thou wilt exact an account of the talents committed to us; and that to whomsoever much is given, of them shall much be required. While life and health and strength are continued to us, may we diligently avail ourselves of those opportunities we possess of doing good in this evil world; and may we endeavour to abound more

and more in every useful and benevolent work.

We beseech Thee to prepare our minds for the solemn worship of Thy courts on the approaching Lord's Day. Deliver us from all eager thoughts concerning the things of this life; and enable us, on that sacred day, to give our undivided attention to the things which concern our salvation. May we rejoice in every return of this holy season; may we approach Thy sanctuary with glad hearts and willing feet; may the ministrations of Thy Church be abundantly blessed to us; may Thy holy word read and preached edify, comfort, and strengthen us, increase our faith and hope, and prepare us the better for that eternal Sabbath which Thou hast promised to them that love Thee.

We commend to Thy gracious care our several relations and friends. Save them from the dangers of this evil world; sanctify them to Thyself; and prepare them, by the events of Thy providence, and by the guidance of Thy Spirit, for that Day when both we and they shall be summoned

to appear before Thee, as the Judge of all the earth.

We pray Thee to have mercy on the poor, the sick, and the afflicted; and to dispose our hearts and the hearts of others to have compassion on them, and minister, according to our ability and opportunity, to their comfort and relief.

Bless the President of the United States, and all in authority over us; and direct all their counsels to the promotion of the public welfare. Inspire our clergy with the spirit of true religion; with zeal and devotedness in their arduous work; and give abundant success to their endeavours to win immortal souls to Christ.

Do Thou, who art the God of love, put an end to war and discord throughout the world; dispose the nations of the earth to unity and concord; and so order all events, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

These, and all other needful blessings, we humbly ask, in the name, and through

the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

Occasional Prayers.

A General Prayer for the Sick.

ALMIGHTY GOD, and Heavenly Father, whose providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humble ourselves before Thee with the deepest reverence; acknowledging that even in Thy severest dispensations Thou hast gracious designs towards us. We beseech Thee to look down in Thy wonted goodness and mercy upon this Thy servant, upon whom Thou hast laid Thine afflicting hand. Sanctify Thy fatherly correction to *him* (or *her*), and grant that *he* may receive it with meekness and bear it with patience. Suffer *him* not, O Lord, to murmur or repine at the severity of *his* trials; but let all Thy visitations be so blessed to *him*, by the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may be the means of weaning *him* more and more from the world of sin, of setting *his* affections on things above, and

not on things on the earth, and of bringing him nearer to Thee in true devotion of heart. We know, O Heavenly Father, that Thou dost not willingly afflict and grieve the children of men; and that of Thy goodness Thou hast caused this sickness to befall Thy servant. O grant *him* such a measure of Thy grace, as may enable *him* cheerfully to submit *his* will to Thine, and to regard this visitation as a paternal chastisement from Thee, to promote *his* spiritual good. And if, in the days of health and prosperity, *he* hath at any time and in any manner forgotten Thee, and turned aside from Thy holy way; O merciful God, let not *his* past faults provoke Thee to turn Thy face from *him*, now that he flies unto Thee in this *his* time of trouble. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure, but for the merits of Thy dear Son, and through His all-prevailing intercession, pardon all *his* sins, and restore *him* to Thy love and favour. Support *him*, O Lord, under all *his* pains and infirmities; perfect *his* repentance; increase and strengthen *his* faith; incite

his obedience; and expand *his* charity. Make Thou all *his* bed in *his* sickness, lay not more upon *him* than Thou wilt enable *him* to bear, and with the temptations that Thou permittest to assail *him*, do Thou, according to Thy promise, provide a way for *his* escape.

Bless the means which are being employed for *his* relief, and recovery; grant that they may be such, and so directed that they may bring about, in Thy good time, that desirable result. But if Thou hast otherwise determined, grant, we beseech Thee, that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more the inner man may be strengthened and renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; and give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with Thee, in life everlasting, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for one who is Dangerously Ill.

O Lord our God, we approach Thy presence, who alone canst succour and save, beseeching Thee to look down in pity upon this Thy servant, here lying in great weakness of body, under Thy chastening hand. We know, O Lord, that with Thee are the issues of life and of death; that with Thee nothing is impossible; that if Thou wilt Thou canst even yet raise *him* (or *her*) up, heal all *his* infirmities, and restore *him* to health. In entire submission to Thy righteous will, we beg this mercy at Thy hands. Spare *him*, O good Lord, and grant *him* a longer continuance among us. But whatever Thou hast determined, let *his* soul be precious in Thy sight. Give *him* true repentance for all the sins, ignorances, and negligences of *his* past life, and a lively faith in Jesus Christ. Wash *his* soul with the precious blood of Thy dear Son, and sanctify it by and adorn it with the graces

of Thy Holy Spirit, that it may be cleansed from all its defilements, and be presented pure and blameless and without spot before Thee, in the great Day of Thy power. Fit *him*, we pray Thee, for whatever in Thy wise providence Thou hast appointed for *him*, whether life or death; that it may be unto *him* to live unto Christ, and if to die, that to die may be gain; and that in all things *he* may find cause to praise and glorify Thy holy name. If Thou shouldest be graciously pleased to raise *him* from *his* bed of languishing, grant that *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. Or if Thou hast otherwise determined, prepare *him* for the hour of *his* departure; defend *him* from *his* spiritual enemies; finish all that is wanting in the work of *his* salvation; support and comfort *him* in *his* last agonies; make *his* end easy and peaceful; and fill *him* with an hope full of immortality. Finally, O Lord, receive *him* into the arms of Thy unspeakable mercy, into the glorious state of Thy saints in light, and give *him* a resurrection unto eternal life in Thy heavenly king-

dom. All which we ask, in the name, and through the merits and mediation of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a Sick Child.

ALMIGHTY GOD, and Merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this child, now lying under Thy hand in severe sickness. Bless the means which are being employed for *his* (or *her*) relief; and grant that they may be so skilfully administered as to restore *him* again to *his* former health, and remove all our apprehensions on *his* account. But we pray in entire submission to Thy divine will; knowing that Thou doest all things right. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily disease; and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation. Or if Thou hast otherwise determined, receive *him* into those heavenly

habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus are with Him where He is; and enjoy perpetual rest, and conscious, increasing holiness, happiness, and peace, forever and ever. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer Preparatory to the Holy Communion.

O God, our Saviour, who, on the night in which Thou wast betrayed, didst institute and ordain, in Thy sacrament of the Supper, holy mysteries, as pledges of Thy love, and for a continual remembrance of Thy death; and didst command all the members of Thy mystical Body, the Church, to "Do this in remembrance of Thee;" grant that we, and all who shall on this day approach Thy altar, and partake of the sacred emblems of Thy body and blood, may receive this memorial of Thy love, with devout and holy affections, with true repentance, faith, and charity; and being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to our great and endless comfort, obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of Thy passion. Prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, for the due reception of this sacrament of spiritual invigoration. May we truly and earnestly repent us of our sins.

May we believe in Thee with a lively faith, fruitful in all holy obedience; and do Thou, O Lord, in Thy great mercy, pardon the imperfection of our faith, and help our unbelief; and may we also cherish a spirit of brotherly kindness and charity towards all men. May we resolve, by Thy help, to lead a new life in Thy faith and fear; and, refreshed and invigorated for duty and conflict, may we be found henceforth more and more abounding in the work devolved on us as Thy servants, and grow continually in grace and goodness, to Thy honour and glory, and to our advancement in the work of our salvation. All which we ask in Thy own prevailing name and merits; and to Thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, thanksgiving and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Holy Communion.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLOVING GOD; we approach Thy presence in a deep sense of our unworthiness, confessing the imperfection of our best services, and beseeching Thee to pardon whatever Thou hast seen amiss in us, in the sacramental worship we have offered to Thee this day in remembrance of the death and passion of Thy dear Son. We do most heartily and devoutly thank Thee for Thy great mercy in permitting us to receive spiritually the spiritual food of His most precious body and blood, and we pray that we may be refreshed, invigorated, and comforted by it. We thank Thee for this comfortable assurance of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and for the blessed hope that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through grace of Thy

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through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Thanksgiving for the Beginning of a Recovery from Sickness.

Great and Mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless Thee for Thy great goodness, in having heard and answered our prayers, and in having turned our heaviness into joy, and mourning into gladness, by restoring this Thy servant to some degree of *his* (or *her*) former health. Blessed be Thy name, that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Inspire *his* soul with a grateful sense of Thy mercy, and with an holy purpose to requite it, by giving *himself* up in all *his* future days, heartily to Thy service. Perfect, we beseech Thee, Thy gracious goodness towards *him;* prosper the means employed for *his* cure; that being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may

be able to go to Thine house of prayer, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless Thy holy name for all Thy loving kindness and tender mercy towards *him*, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST GRACIOUS GOD AND FATHER; who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless Thy name that Thou hast been pleased, in Thy great mercy, to deliver from *his* (or *her*) bodily sickness, this Thy servant, who now desireth to offer *his* praise and thanksgiving to Thee. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness towards *him*, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee; and earnestly and diligently redeem the time which Thou in Thy great mercy hast been pleased to continue to *him*. Fill *his* soul with grateful gladness, and sincere praise, that Thou, O Lord, didst revoke the sentence which appeared to have gone out against *him*. May *he* rejoice in Thy salvation. As Thou hast spread Thy hand upon *him* for a covering, so also enlarge *his* heart with thankfulness, and to show it forth in practical

faith and obedience. Let Thy favour and loving-kindness endure for ever and ever upon *him*, and grant that what Thou hast sown in mercy, may spring up in duty. May Thy grace so enkindle in *him* holy desires, and strengthen *him* in godly purposes, that *he* may no more transgress against Thee, but walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all *his* days, and be found always abounding in the work of the Lord. May *he* enjoy the light of Thy reconciled countenance in Christ Jesus, that pursuing steadfastly the path of Thy commandments, and living here to Thy glory, *he* may at last enter into the glory of Thy heavenly kingdom, and dwell with Thee in the joy of Thy immediate presence forevermore. We ask for all, in the name and through the merits and mediation of our only Mediator, Advocate, and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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